



Thursday  
AUGUST 31, 2000

## Fireworks set for Labor Day

The Waveland Civic Association will present a Labor Day fireworks display this Sunday, Sept. 3, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier.

## Turner benefit at Little Donna's

Little Donna's Lounge on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis will host a benefit for the family of Derrick Shawn Turner this Sunday, Sept. 3, beginning at noon. Events include food, auctions and entertainment by Mississippi Mike. Turner, originally of Waveland, died Aug. 23 in an auto accident at Jackson.

## Holiday transit schedule change

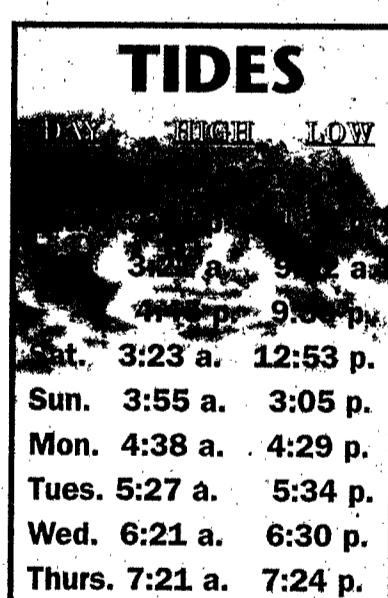
Coast Transit Authority will observe the Labor Day holiday. It will run a Sunday schedule, which is Beachcomber and military routes only. For more information, call 896-8080.

## Firemen gumbo fundraiser set

The Clermont Harbor Volunteer Fire Department will raise money in a seafood gumbo dinner scheduled at the station beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday. For a \$6 donation, diners will be served seafood gumbo and rice, potato salad, eggplant Italian and French bread. Dessert and soft drinks are extra. Eat in or take-out, and dinners will be served until the food runs out, officials said.

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## DEQ: Hancock needs to 'get it together'

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Hancock County was politely ordered by a panel of senior staff from the Department of Environmental Quality to "get it together" with a cooperative plan for waste water treatment. At a three and a half hour information workshop held Tuesday

evening at the Holiday Inn in Waveland, officials from the department said that they had been getting mixed signals and contradictory plans from local agencies concerning the issue.

"At this point, exactly how to handle the problem is still under local control," said DEQ's Executive Director Charles Chisolm. "But we would like to

see the various districts in the county join together, look at treatment for the entire area, examine options which would benefit all, and come to a comprehensive decision."

Chisolm also highly commended the county on its progress in the last three decades. He said Hancock County was now one of the most

progressive in the state, but reminded local officials that they have the extra responsibility of protecting one of the most environmentally sensitive areas in the state.

The panel also offered information on new Federal standards for ozone levels, which several areas in the county exceed, new storm water guide-

lines, and offered a history of solid waste disposal while encouraging locals to take charge of the issue and consider any proposals for new land fills very carefully.

Ron McGee, environmental officer from NASA/Stennis Space Center opened the meet-

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## Tanks for the memories



Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher  
Volunteers including Paul Moersdorf, right, director of the Data Booth Center at Stennis Space Center, get ready to be dunked Wednesday to help raise funds for the CFC/United Way Kickoff.

## SSC charity campaign with employee picnic

### SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Stennis Space Center kicked off its annual Combined Federal Campaign/United Way Campaign Wednesday with a picnic for the center's agency employees and contractors. The Combined Federal Campaign has been in existence since 1961 and is the only federally approved fund raiser for federal employees.

Events included pie throwing and dunking booths. Live music was provided by the U.S. Navy Band.

Representatives from 43 organizations sponsored and funded by the United Way of South Mississippi, including Hope Haven, Meals on Wheels, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and the Moore Community House discussed their organizations. A booth was set up to take direct contributions.

The theme for this year's campaign was "Together Anything is Possible," which was a fitting subject considering that this kickoff picnic was the first event to include all onsite agencies and their contractors.



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter  
Wednesday's event was hosted by the National Oceanographic Office at John C. Stennis Space Center.

## Stennis firm named Friday

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Trent Lott and Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove will be joined by other state and local officials Friday to announce a major new tenant coming to the Stennis Space Center.

The official announcement and a signing ceremony is scheduled at the Stennis Visitors Center Auditorium at 10:30 a.m., and the officials will be available afterwards to field questions from the media.

Unconfirmed earlier reports that surfaced last week reported California-based Lockheed Martin Corp. has selected Stennis for the site for construction of small rocket

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## Beaten man still unconscious

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

Euwell Roberts, 39, Coral St., Bay St. Louis, who was discovered by a passing motorist on the side of Clermont Boulevard by the alligator hole on the morning of August 16, still remains unconscious at Gulfport Memorial Hospital, Hancock Investigator Matt Karl, said on Wednesday.

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## Sheriff sued by inmate at county jail

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

An inmate in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility has filed a federal lawsuit against Sheriff Steve Garber, Jail Warden Gerald Necaise, Sgt. David Johnson and Diamondhead dentist Dr. Mark A. McFarland claiming they were negligent in providing prompt medical treatment

Special Boat Unit 22 Navy SEALS stationed at Stennis Space Center perform para-chute training Tuesday at Stennis International Airport. The training lasts three days and will be repeated every six months.



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter  
The Hancock Chamber of Commerce is \$53,800 richer.

U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., announced the Environmental Protection Agency has increased its appropriation for the fiscal year 2000 funding, and granted a time extension of the budget from Oct. 1, 2000 to Sept. 30, 2001.

Taylor said the additional funds bring to \$123,800 the amount granted the Chamber to assist the agency to develop community supported growth for Hancock County and the tools to provide expert assistance to plan for the growth.

The Chamber has hired a smart growth manager, Sue Chamberlain, and is currently involved in developing programs to beautify the gateways to Hancock County at U.S. 90 and the Bay St. Louis bridge and at Hwy. 90 and state Hwy. 603. It

## Hancock Chamber awarded \$53G grant

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For more on the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, see our special section inside.

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## Obituaries

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**BERNICE K. GARRIGA**  
**DAN L. SAUDER**  
**BERTHA A. SPIERS**  
**ELOISE WILLIAMS**  
**MARY WRENSTED**

**EDMUND BORDES, JR.**  
Edmund Joseph Bordes, Jr., 59, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, August 24, 2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Bordes was a native of New Orleans and lived in Ramona, Calif. before moving to Mississippi in 1982. He was owner and founder of Bay Travel, Inc.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edmund J. Bordes, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Agneta Bordes of Bay St. Louis; a son, Chad Bordes of Lone Tree, Colo.; his Mother, Janet L. Bordes of Diamondhead; two brothers, David C. Bordes of Lafayette and Bradley J. Bordes of Pass Christian; and three sisters, Sally B. D'Amico of Destin, Fla.; Suzanne B. Gray of Glencoe, Mo. and Rebecca B. Appleyard of Diamondhead.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to Hope Haven, P. O. Box 37, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

**ELVIRA BREWER**

Elvira Ahrens Brewer, 85, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, August 27, 2000, in Bunkie, La.

Mrs. Brewer was a native of Arabi, La., and a resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis where she belonged to the Altar Society.

She was also a member of RSVP Senior Citizens.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated today, Aug. 31 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St.

Louis followed by interment in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

**KATHLEEN DAVIS**

Kathleen Williams Davis, 84, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Davis was a native of Lake Charles, La. and a resident of the Coast most of her life.

She was the retired owner and operator of Paul's Pastry Shop in Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul C. Davis; a daughter, Paula Kathleen Davis; her parents, Jodie and Jamie Williams; a brother, Herman Williams; and three sisters, Mimi Hix, Rena Windham and Frances Copeland.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula Randell Kopp of Long Beach; a son, Joseph "Randy" Davis of Germany; two brothers, Joseph Williams of Gulfport and Henry Ford Williams of California; and a sister, Rosalie Lloyd of Gulfport.

Visitation will be today, Aug. 31, 6-8 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport.

A service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with burial in Coalville Cemetery in Woolmarket.

**BERNICE K. GARRIGA**

Bernice Koenenn Garriga, 85, of Kiln, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2000, in Kiln.

Mrs. Garriga was a native and life-long resident of the Fenton community at Kiln. She was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Sue Garriga; her parents, Emile and Catherine Koenenn; six brothers Powell Koenenn, Roy Koenenn, John Koenenn, Robert Koenenn, Albert Mack Koenenn and Benjamin Koenenn; and five sisters, Bernadine Walker, Jessie Wilder, Barbara Taylor, Carrie Allen and Lois Robinson.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Leo L. Garriga. Riemann Funeral Home in

Fenton; a son, Jerry L. Garriga of Pascagoula; a daughter, Margaret Saux of New Orleans; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Aug. 26, at Annunciation Catholic Church followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Kiln.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to Annunciation Church, 5370 Kiln-DeLisle Road, Kiln, MS or Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast, 999 Howard Ave., Suite 1, Biloxi, MS 39533.

**DAN L. SAUDER**

Dan L. Sauder, 68, of Pass Christian, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2000, in Pass Christian.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport.

**BERTHA A. SPIERS**

Bertha A. Spiers, 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, August 29, 2000, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Spiers was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Mary Asher; her husband, George T. Spiers; brothers John Asher, Prentice Asher and Albert Asher; and sisters Emma Shubert, Maybell Karl, Rosie Carver, Dorothy Miller and Maggie Lusich.

Survivors include sons, Hayward Spiers and Tommy R. Spiers, both of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Linda Branum of Bridge City, Texas; a brother, Curtis Asher, and a sister, Carrie Rogue, both of Bay St. Louis; 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis. Services will be conducted today, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. at the church, followed by burial in Bayou LaCroix Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in

Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**ELOISE WILLIAMS**

Eloise Strong Ladner Williams, 85, of Waveland, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Williams was a native of Bay St. Louis and a resident of Waveland. She was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Randolph Ladner; her second husband, Edgar Williams; a daughter, Joyce Garcia; and a grandson, David Anselmo.

Survivors include a son, Randy Ladner of Clermont Harbor; a daughter, Diana Seal of Waveland; five sisters, including Pearl Teabout of Waveland, Evelyn Chadwick of Marshallburg, N.C., Dorothy Bounds of Houston, Tex., Genive Strong and Nena Strong, both of Bay St. Louis; Elsie Kline of Clermont Harbor; four brothers, Marshall Strong, Charles Strong, T.J. Strong and William Strong, all of Bay St. Louis; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at St. John Catholic Church in Lakeshore. Burial was in Lakeshore Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

**MARY WRENSTED**

Mary Magdalene Wrensted, 79, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, August 27, 2000.

Mrs. Wrensted was a native of New Orleans and had been a resident of Pass Christian for the past four years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pauline J. Woessner James Wrensted and John Wrensted Sr.; and two sisters, Imelda Mehle and Melvina McCarthy.

Survivors include two brothers, William James Wrensted and John Wrensted Jr.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Leitz-Eagan Funeral home in New Orleans with Burial in Metairie Cemetery.

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## September is Library Card Sign-up Month

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• A mother saves her baby's life using CPR she learned from a library videotape.

• A man lowers his cholesterol by 100 points following instructions from a book he borrowed from the library.

• A doctor saves an infant's life after a two-hour global computer search at his hospital library located an article that helped him identify and treat a rare form of meningitis.

• A woman goes to the library after being diagnosed with breast cancer to research her options for treatment.

A teenage boy is roused from a coma by techniques that his parents learned from a library book.

**Quotable Facts About America's Libraries**

• Americans go to school, public and academic libraries three times as often as they go to movies.

• Reference librarians in the nation's public and academic libraries answer more than seven million questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of questioners would stretch from Boston to San Francisco.

• Federal spending on libraries totals only 54 cents per person - less than two postage

stamps.

• A 1998 poll conducted by Gallup for the American Library Association found that nearly all respondents expect libraries to be needed in the future, despite the increased availability of information via computer.

• There are more public libraries than McDonald's - a total of 15,994, including branches.

• Americans spend more on potato chips and snack foods than on public libraries (\$5.2 billion).

• Americans check out an average of six books a year. They spend about \$21 a year in taxes for the public library -

less than the cost of one best-seller.

• Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school or work.

• Seventy-four percent of public libraries now offer access to the Internet.

• Research shows the highest achieving students are good library users.

• More children participate in library summer reading programs than play Little League baseball.

• Americans spend \$330 billion a year on legalized gambling - enough to fund public libraries for the next 75 years.

Marc Brown's beloved children's character Arthur is helping the American Library Association (ALA) to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September.

The star of the best-selling children's book series and the #1 children's television show is joining libraries across the country to remind children that

"Having Fun Isn't Hard When You've Got a Library Card."

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

With shelves chock full of books, magazines, videos, homework help and more, today's "new library" is a far cry from what many parents remember.

"Finding information today is whole different ballgame - one that requires knowing how to use both print and computer resources," says Prima Plauché,

director of the Hancock County Library System. "Our children must be able to do it all if they are to succeed in the next century." It's important that parents and other adults learn about new resources so they can help guide children and find helpful information for themselves," Plauché continued.

All four branches of the Hancock County Library System will join libraries across the country in recognizing September as Library Card Sign-up Month.

During the month, the Hancock County Library System will promote parents signing up for public library services for their children.

Further information is available by calling Jeannie Pierce at 467-5282.

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Great-Grandchildren,  
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## North Bay Elementary receives arts grant

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

North Bay Elementary School in Bay St. Louis has been awarded a \$14,000 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission, said Betsy Bradley, executive director.

The grant, a portion of the \$1.9 million in grants the Commission will awarding in 2000-2001, will be used to give students, staff, families and the community opportunities to experience arts and to understand the influence of arts on learning. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. Bradley said \$1.16 million in grants was awarded July 1; the remainder will be distributed during the fiscal year.

"Without a doubt, high quality arts programs, organizations, and individual artists enhance

and even change lives throughout the state in thousands of measurable ways," Bradley said.

"Community involvement and legislative support propel these changes and affirm that the arts are vital to Mississippi's growth."

"Communities continue to show that area festivals, artist residencies, after-school programs, musical and theatre performances, and arts programs serving at-risk youth are vital to their children's lives and education, as well as their area's economic development."

The Commission is a state agency that serves more than 1.7 million Mississippians through grants supporting programs to enhance Mississippi communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage.



Suzanne Frank and Shirley Hopes, two artists from Diamondhead, helped give North Bay Elementary Library a new look with a mural of a dragon they painted on the wall. Theme for the "Reading Dragon" is "Catch A Dragon By The Tail."

Established in 1968 by the grantsmaking and service agency for the arts in the Mississippi State Legislature, the official

## Registration extended for PRCC Vo-Tech programs

Pearl River Community College's vocational-technical education programs are holding registration open a little while longer this fall for those people interested in learning a skill or making a career change.

Positions are still available in such areas as masonry, carpentry, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration, computer technology, instrumentation technology and diesel technology.

"Our curriculum is up to date and all of our equipment is state of the art," said Don Welsh, Director of the Vo-Tech Center in Poplarville. "A person can come here and learn, train themselves in many areas and go out and earn top wages."

That's especially true for brick masons, who can earn as much as \$18. to \$20 an hour within the PRCC six-county district.

"There is a shortage of brick masons all over," said Porter Soley, instructor of the masonry program at PRCC. "They retire quicker than you can train people to replace them. Just in the last three or four years, wages have increased from \$13 to \$14 an hour to \$18 to \$20 an hour just in this area alone. We have some out there now making anywhere from \$35,000 to \$50,000 per year."

Another job market experiencing a shortage is heating, air conditioning and refrigeration repairmen. According to

Instructor Darryl Smith, "There is a severe shortage of electricians in the field. Companies are screaming for them."

For example, he said that starting pay for an air-conditioning repairman can be as much as \$42,000. "If you don't want to work for a company, then you can break out on your own," said Smith.

"All you need is a truck and some tools. The work is there. In our market today, you might call for a service repairman and it might take five days for him to get to you."

Students exit the two-year technical program with an associate degree.

Students enrolled in Pearl River's carpentry program will get some hands-on experience this year. The department is building a house for Habitat for Humanity on campus.

"We will go through all the aspects of building a house," said Randy Cuevas, carpentry instructor. "It can be a great reward for the students who come here."

Cuevas said there is a great demand for carpenters with today's booming housing market. "The hourly rate for good carpenters is higher now than it has been in several years," Cuevas said.

"If a person applies himself in this (one-year) program and learns what is available to them, he can get a job making from \$14 to \$18 an hour."

One of the school's successful programs is in the area of instrumentation technology, which has had 100 percent placement in jobs in recent years.

"Most of our job placements are in the district," said Dale Miller, instrumentation technology instructor.

Masonite hired two students

in last year's class. Our graduates can make anywhere from \$26,000 on up to \$40,000, depending on where they go."

Technical programs offered on the Poplarville campus include:

Automated Manufacturing Technology, Automotive Mechanics Technology, Banking and Finance Technology, Business Office Technology, Child Development Technology, Computer Technology, Diesel Engine Technology, Electrical Technology, Instrumentation Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Manufacturing Technology, Masonry, Office Systems Technology and Welding.

For information about the Vo-Tech programs in Poplarville, call Welsh at 403-1241 or Dr. Ann Moore, counselor, at 403-1098, and Janice Poole at 403-1242.

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Vocational programs include:

Barbering, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Licensed Practical Nursing, Masonry, Welding and Commercial Truck Driving.

Following the 1998-99 school year, many of these programs had 100 percent placement for



### Can-Do graduates

"Graduates" from "Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care" are shown performing at the Sunday worship service at Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. The children were able to show the congregation how they are helping to make a difference in the world around them through their songs and stories.

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# OPINION



## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### High school football and Labor Day picnics

**L**ocal high school football moves into its second week Friday night with three Hancock County schools at home.

The high-flying Hawks of Hancock High opened the season with a 42-20 victory over the Long Beach Bearcats last week.

This week the Hawks will play host to East Central in Hancock Stadium. Hancock plays an explosive type of ground attack. Chris Goff's 231 yards and Chase Sachett's 103 yards for a total of 334 yards on the ground proves the power of the Hawks' ground attack.

The Tigers of Bay High play host Friday to the Long Beach Bearcats in McCullough Stadium. Bay High needs to rebound this week after falling last week to what appears to be one of the Coast's top 4-A schools, Iberville 49-15.

St. Stanislaus will play host to from-across-the-Bay rival Pass Christian Friday at Brother Phillip Memorial Stadium.

The Rocks were tripped up last week by St. John and could rebound against the Pass which won its opener against Lumberton last week. The Pirates are aggressive and could take a victory back across the Bay.

Remember, the local high school football teams need your support in the stadiums on Friday night.

We hope to see you at the game.

There has been a lot of talk in the area about Louisiana increasing the non-resident fishing license fees to \$110.

This past Wednesday, the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks struck back by voting to increase Louisiana residents' fees to the same figure.

Many sports fishermen from Mississippi fish in Louisiana

waters, just as Louisiana fishermen use our waters.

Hopefully, Louisiana's

Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission will get the message.

It looks like our neighbors to the west could have been more in line in charging the same for out-of-state licenses as we do.

The rates were raised by Louisiana just when I was thinking about getting one.

I am sure many folks are preparing to take a trip this weekend to visit relatives and friends, as others will be coming here to do the same.

It is hard to believe that Labor Day is Monday. This year sure is buzzing by.

Labor Day weekend means there will be lots of traffic on our highways and roadways, as well as waterways.

Motorists and boat operators all need to be extremely cautious as they travel. If you are going to a distant city, or even a close one, why not give yourself a few extra minutes for every 50 miles in case you get slowed down because of traffic.

Accidents ahead of you can cause you to lose an hour and even more at times, so one needs to be prepared with a bit of extra time.

It is always my hope that everyone will have a safe holiday weekend.

One must also remember, please do not drink and drive, and that goes for roadways, highways and waterways.

Law enforcement agencies of all sorts will be out in full force seeking DWIs. If you drink, please remember to have a designated driver.

Motorists in Bay St. Louis need to remember that Carroll Avenue at the Second Street Middle School is one way from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in order to help with the school's traffic flow.

The one-way is from Toulme Street to Second Street.

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## Candidates talk, but does it really matter?

JACKSON--Much time and space in the media will be filled for the next two months with presidential campaign stories and ads. But does all the folderol about who said what, when, who's up, who's down, really matter in how the election comes out?

Kathleen Hall Jamieson of Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, along with a team of scholars, in a just-published book on America's political habits, say:

"Campaigns are merely theatrical exercises that provide entertainment and reinforcement of partisan dispositions but in most instances do not determine the electoral outcome," she writes.

The book, published by Basic Books (\$15) just in time for the

2000 presidential run-up, is interestingly titled, "Everything You Think You Know About Politics...and Why You're Wrong."

So you wonder why Republicans and Democrats (and U.S. taxpayers) are spending many millions of dollars right up to Nov. 7 in a "theatrical exercise" that really doesn't matter.

Obviously, it's the American Way, the price we have to pay to enliven the democratic process. And it ain't going to change. Only become more expensive.

The paragraph just above doesn't come, per se, from Jamieson. It's Minor's conclusion from closely watching this whole show for over a half century.

But there's lots in Jamieson

to support it, plus a whole lot of empirical evidence to debunk

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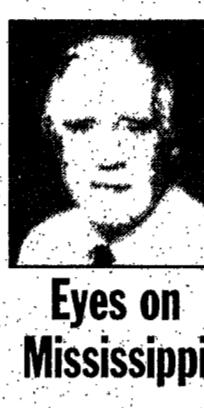
But if he says "Social Security is in trouble, but my opponent's plan for saving it will not work," that's a civil attack, and Jamieson shows how in surveys voters responded to each.

Is there more negative press coverage today than there used to be? Not really, says Jamieson, her group found little more than there was 40 years ago.

But the press does have a tendency to emphasize attacks or inflammatory remarks in political discourse, she concedes. However, it's long been an established fact that readers (and viewers) prefer controversy in the news, not so-called "good" news. Though candidates almost uniformly complain about negative press coverage of them, they often provide the kind of inflammatory quotes that feed the beast, as Jamieson points out.

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Eyes on Mississippi  
By Bill Minor

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## Letters to the Editor

### Law enforcement officers should lead by example, obey the law

To the Editor:

Yesterday I was on my way home from work when I witnessed once again what has become my pet peeve; a display of blatant disrespect for the law by one of those whose job it is to uphold it.

It should be obvious to any thinking person that their actions in public leave an impression on all who see them.

If that person is visibly a member of a group, their actions also affect the image of that group with all who see them, and none are more visible than police officers.

I respect the people charged with enforcing the laws. I have found that the great majority of them are fine folks doing their best in a difficult job.

But it is not enough to simply enforce the law. In a free society, people must respect the law if it is to be effective.

I am sure that nearly all of the law enforcement personnel are keenly aware that they must, above all, display a respect for the law. I see it every day.

Nearly all law enforcement personnel are very professional and very courteous. They know that they are highly visible.

They know that everyone around them takes note of their actions. They know that they must lead by example, and they generally do an excellent job of it. They really are the "good guys."

That is why it bothers me so much to see, on occasion, someone who has forgotten this.

When one officer blatantly disobeys the law, he or she tears away at the respect for the law which has been painfully built up piece by piece by every decent person, but most of all by their fellow officers.

So, what mechanism exists to remind these few people, when they occasionally stray, that they must lead by example?

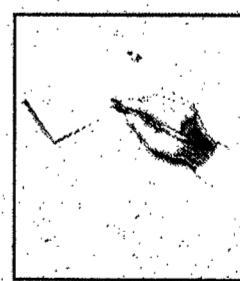
Has any reader of this paper ever seen one officer stop another for disregarding the traffic laws?

I know that I have never seen it.

That leaves the application of a bit of embarrassment, such as

### Our letters policy

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a letter to the editor, like this one.

I would ask that the fine officers of the Waveland Police Department check their cruiser assignment logs, and explain to the person who was assigned cruiser number 260 at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, that they really should refrain from driving at 85 mph eastbound on I-10 at the 12-mile marker, unless they have their blue lights and siren on.

Lights and sirens on, it's an emergency, that's the job. Driving 85 mph with no blue lights and no siren gives the impression that they just want to get where they are going, and although they can arrest any

one else who breaks the speed laws, they have chosen to disregard and disobey the law themselves.

The impression given by that officer is that he or she is a hypocrite, undeserving of respect.

These actions reflect badly on the Waveland police, and to a lesser extent, on all police everywhere.

We're all human, and none of us are perfect. Many of us need a reminder now and then.

For most of us, the reminder includes a trip to the courthouse and a fine. In this instance, I am confident that a word from a fellow officer is enough.

Jim Jelinski  
Diamondhead



### Remember MDA on Labor Day

Six-year-old Zakary Bratcher was on hand at the Knock Knock Lounge Tuesday when MV Vending owner Michael Vella, right, presented a check for \$484 to Waveland Alderman Louie Smolensky for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Zakary has Duchenne-type MDA.

### Funds raised for Hope Haven

Jamie Lee Jamison sang last Saturday at Mike's Place for the children of Hope Haven Children's Shelter. Attendees showed their appreciation by contributing almost \$1,200 to the local shelter for abused children.

"It was hard work, but it was good work," said Mike, the lounge's owner. "We received wonderful support from the community via donations for our raffle and door prizes. People were happy to help when they found out what we were

raising money for. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this worthwhile effort."

Hope Haven is south Mississippi's only non-profit shelter, and all contributions are tax deductible.

If you or your organization would like to help, they can be contacted at 228-467-7945, fax 466-4707 and e-mail at [www.hopehavenshelter.org](http://www.hopehavenshelter.org). Hope Haven is the newest member of the United Way of South Mississippi.

### Eyes -- candidates talking

President George Bush describing both his opponent, Democrat Bill Clinton and his running mate, Al Gore as "bozos."

But Bush went on in his remarks to call environmentalist Gore the "Ozone Man," adding: "This guy is so far off in the environmental extreme we'll be up to our neck in owls and out of work for every American. This guy's crazy."

Naturally, the news media had a field day with Bush's remarks, as Jamieson's group

points out.

Ironically, the elder Bush's attack on Gore in 1992, proven by time to have been baseless and grossly exaggerated, could come back to haunt Bush's son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, in his battle against Vice-President Al Gore for the presidency of the United States, with protecting the environment a hot topic.

Immediately after the 1996 election, many pundits were quick to brand the voter turnout as the lowest since 1924, putting

## Law enforcement agencies pledge vigorous enforcement of 'belt' laws on long weekend

Virtually all of Mississippi's law enforcement agencies have pledged to vigorously enforce the state's motor vehicle safety belt and child restraint laws over the Labor Day weekend, according to the Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning.

"This Labor Day 2000, Take the Pledge enforcement effort will include roadside checkpoints, saturation patrols and callback" of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol troopers for overtime duties," said Dr. Billy White Jr., Public Safety Planning's executive director.

"We anticipate that nearly all of our state's 349 law enforcement agencies will participate."

Billy Terrell, Public Safety Planning's Office of Highway Safety director, noted that "Labor Day 2000 is the most comprehensive initiative in Mississippi history for increasing motor vehicle occupant protection device use."

"Our efforts are in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and our goal is to achieve the highest safety belt and child restraint use ever in our state."

In addition to the law enforcement emphasis, Labor Day 2000 includes a comprehensive public information and education effort which began on June 26.

A scientific observational survey by Mississippi State University indicated that only 54.5 percent of motorists on

Mississippi roadways were using safety belts.

Of the 927 individuals killed last year on state roadways, 75.5 percent of the drivers, 66 percent of the front-seat passengers and 75 percent of the back-seat passengers were not belted.

"Even the safest motorists can be involved in crashes caused by others, adverse weather conditions or unexpected obstacles in the roadway," White said.

"When crashes occur, safety belts and child restraints can make the difference between life and death or between minor and serious injuries. By using these devices, you increase your chances of survival by 50 percent."

"As a former law enforcement officer and police chief," White noted, "I can attest to the fact that arriving at the scene of a crash, and finding the lifeless bodies of those who were not using safety belts or child restraints, is one of the worst aspects of this profession."

"I don't know of any officer who enjoys writing citations for occupant restraint law violations, but, unfortunately, many motorists will not take the potentially lifesaving step of buckling up unless they know that the laws are vigorously enforced."

"Probably the best investments motorists can make to ensure a safe Labor Day weekend are to have all motor vehicles

occupants buckled up, have children ride in the back seat, and never consume alcoholic beverages before or during the operation of the vehicle. The bottom line of Labor Day 2000 is not about writing citations; it's about saving lives."

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the figure at only 48.8 percent. Not so, Jamieson says. When the final figures were in, it was actually several points higher. By some calculations, she reports, it was 54.5 percent, others at 52.8 percent.

If voter-participation projections are made against "voting age population," the figure put out by the Bureau of the Census, they can be way off, Jamieson points out.

The census figure counts those in prisons who have lost their franchise, those in mental

institutions and those who are noncitizens for one reason or the other, making voting age population larger than eligible voters.

Given that most humans would rather hear negative information than positive, that the media are prone to emphasize candidate attacks more readily than programs, that the public learns little from campaigns, Jamieson concedes, somehow the system works.

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## MSU project studies black walnut trees

Mississippi landowners with naturally occurring black walnut trees have an opportunity to participate in a Mississippi State University research project.

Funded by the John and Jane Player Endowment, the study by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center is designed to characterize good walnut planting sites and the time needed to produce marketable trees.

The black walnut has highly-valued wood that is used in fine furniture, cabinetry, interior paneling, gunstocks, and other specialty products," said

forestry professor Emily Schultz, leader of the study. Little is known, however, about the distribution, growth, and site requirements of walnut trees in Mississippi."

The majority of information concerning site and management requirements for black walnut has come from the Midwest and the eastern U.S. where the trees are grown for planned future income and attracting and enhancing wildlife populations.

"In general, walnut in the deep South has received very little attention except for the

harvest of high-value individual trees," Schultz said. "We know, however that it requires proper site and soil conditions, as well as intensive management to increase the value of the wood and decrease the time it takes to produce marketable logs."

In addition to identifying planting sites and determining economic returns, the MSU study will identify management techniques and select trees to be included in a breeding program for superior trees adapted to Mississippi.

To complete the study, the researchers are seeking the

assistance of Mississippi landowners who have naturally occurring black walnut trees in a wooded environment.

"We would like to take soil samples and collect height, diameter and age data for walnut trees and surrounding trees on forested sites," Schultz said. "This information will help us understand the requirements of the black walnut tree in the South."

Individuals interested in participating in the black walnut study may contact Schultz at (662) 325-2697 or by e-mail at eschultz@cfr.msstate.edu.

## Lawsuit -- inmate vs. sheriff

for a toothache.

The federal lawsuit was filed by inmate Miles Harvey, 33, Cathy Drive, Bay St. Louis, on June 20. He is seeking \$1.5 million in compensatory damages and \$15 million in punitive damages.

On Wednesday, Major Gerald Necaise said Harvey was being held in jail on four counts of possession with intent to sell controlled substances, has been indicted and is awaiting trial.

"Medical expenses for Harvey, excluding the hospital from March 1 through June 21, have amounted to some \$20,577," Necaise said.

In the lawsuit, Harvey,

claims that on March 1 he was an inmate, and after complaining about a toothache he was taken to see the jail's nurse, who arranged for the plaintiff to visit Mark McFarland, D.M.D., Diamondhead where the dentist extracted two teeth.

The lawsuit claims after the teeth were extracted, McFarland, prescribed 12 pain pills for the plaintiff, but did not prescribe any antibiotics for infection.

The lawsuit says beginning March 1 through March 6 Harvey complained that he was in severe pain, was unable to open his mouth and he could barely breathe.

On Saturday, March 4, at 4 a.m., the plaintiff was taken to Urgent Care where he was given an injection for pain and one for infection. Urgent Care's physician also wrote prescription for Harvey, but Hancock County Jail officials never had the prescription filled.

Sgt. David Johnson stated to plaintiff that he could not get the prescription filled because it was a weekend.

The lawsuit claims the plaintiff's face continued to swell, and he pleaded for medical treatment all night and was ignored. About 7:30 a.m. on the morning of March 6, the plaintiff informed the control officer

he was extremely dizzy and was having trouble breathing.

The officer stated there was nothing he could do. The plaintiff then fainted and was helped out of the zone by two inmates. Approximately one or two hours later he was taken to Hancock Medical Center's Emergency Room, where he was admitted and underwent emergency medical surgery, on four occasions for poisonous infection that had built up from a lack of medical attention, the lawsuit claims.

The lawsuit says Harvey had 13 days of hospitalization and medical treatment at HMC, which included 4 1/2 days in intensive care.

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## Roberts

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a year for a veteran police officer.

Dudding said the city is also instituting a plan to keep long-time employees by increasing pay \$5 a month for police and firemen who have topped out on their departmental pay scale. Anyone who tops out of the pay scale this year, will get a four percent raise, plus a one-time bonus of \$360, she explained.

She said there were no pay raises in the budget for the mayor and aldermen.

Besides ongoing Tidelands projects proposed at the Municipal Harbor, McDonald's budget includes \$250,000 for some improvements to the J.W. Randolph Multipurpose Community Center and \$275,000 for a new city fire truck.

Pass Christian has interviewed a Vicksburg consultant who would help the city file for a state grant that may land as much as \$500,000 in funds to restore the former middle school recently donated to the city by the Pass Christian School District. the South Mississippi Planning and Development District has also offered help, McDonald said.

In the meantime, the city has hired architect Kevin Fitzpatrick to make a thorough analysis of the entire complex of buildings and make recommendations to the mayor and board. McDonald said.

The Boys and Girls Club, senior citizens and other groups are already holding activities in the former school house, but McDonald said he is recommending the \$250,000 "for generic things that have to be done right now."

## Pass budget allows raise, lower millage

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald has unveiled a \$6.9 million budget for the coming fiscal year that will provide pay raises for city employees and also reduce millage on personal and property taxes by about 20 percent.

The Mayor had one workshop on the budget last week with the Board of Aldermen, Comptroller Janet Dudding and department heads present. Another workshop is scheduled Sept. 6.

Once the final figures are agreed upon, a public hearing is scheduled on the fiscal 2001 budget at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at CityHall, 200 Scenic Drive. McDonald said plans call for the final budget to be adopted by Sept. 15.

Talking with the Echo, McDonald called his spending plans for the upcoming fiscal year a "meat and potato, no frills budget."

The budget is about \$436,400 more than was spent last year, but McDonald says he was able to reduce tax millage by about 12 mills, from 65 to 53 mills, because of anticipated additional revenue from the recent reappraisal of property taxes in Harrison County and new property coming on the tax rolls.

McDonald said about \$2 million of the \$6.9 million budget will come from property taxes.

The Mayor is recommending a four percent across-the-board pay hike for the city's 95 full-time employees.

Dudding said pay raises for individual workers will range from \$550 annually for a public works employee to about \$2,800

Roberts is still in serious condition and has had several surgeries. He has had some body movements, but is still unconscious," Karl said.

The case continues to be investigated, and police are seeking the whereabouts of a strong suspect to question in the matter, Karl said.

Karl continued, "We are following all leads and just yesterday, Investigator Phillip Pavolini conducted two interviews."

After Roberts was found, he appeared to have been battered and beaten as there was blood on his face around his nose and mouth and had no identification on him. He was later identified by his wife who reported him missing at the sheriff's office.

A friend of the Roberts family, Martin DeSalvo offered a reward of \$500 through the sheriff's office for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or persons involved in the beating.

Roberts had visited the Knock-Knock Bar and the Brass Anchor on the night before he was found according to police and he had contacted his wife around 12:20 a.m., to tell her on the phone that he was going to be coming home in a taxi. Karl said in contacting the taxi company, he was told

the fair was not at the bar when it arrived.

On Wednesday morning Karl said, "We are still investigating the matter. We have checked all leads and will check any more provided."

The telephone number for the sheriff's department is 467-5101.

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## Benefit slated for volunteer firefighter

A benefit medical account has been opened at Hancock Bank for Deborah Spence, who is a volunteer firefighter, hazardous material and emergency medical tech.

She has optical, head and spinal cord injuries from an auto-related accident.

To help with medical bills, continuing medical care needs and surgeries, as well as a special wheel chair, please donate any Hancock Bank.

She has been a volunteer in Hancock County for 12 years with several fire departments, the Red Cross, MADD, H. C. Blood Services, American Legions and taught CPR to more than 4,000.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the budget on September 5, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. in the Courthouse located at 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

A final decision of the proposed budget will be made on September 5, 2000, in a public hearing to be held in the said Board of Supervisors' meeting room.

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## DEQ -- environmental meeting

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ing with a reminder about "smart growth". We are lucky enough to live in an area with a lot of natural beauty and we need to make sure that we do not violate this environment while we grow as a community McGee said.

"There will be no more environmental backsliding in Congress," said Congressman Gene Taylor. "We will be better off with higher environmental standards."

Right now, Hancock County's Southern Regional Wastewater Management District in Waveland handles most of the waste water in Hancock County including Waveland, Bay St. Louis, and Hancock County Water and Sewer District 1.

The plants peak capacity is about 4.9 million gallons a day. In May, the District's engineering consultant, Duke Levy said the plant was treating under three million gallons a day. The plant wants to expand to a 6 million gallon capacity.

Ted Gauthier, Director of Hancock County Water and Sewer District 1 said

Wednesday that the District has plans to add approximately 2,000 new customers by January 31 and another 1,000 during the next year. 383 of the customers will be on line by November.

Herman Johnson, of Hancock County Water and Sewer, said at the workshop that he thinks the area is quickly outgrowing its facilities and would like to see the county plan for the long term now.

Chisolm said his department is not trying to tell the county to have one central facility but that the DEQ would like to encourage the county to have two or three facilities, not six or eight facilities.

Barry Royals, Chief of the surface water division at DEQ said one of the toughest decisions the county will have to make is where water treatment plants will discharge the treated waste water. DEQ is encouraging the county to consider options other than the one they are using now, Edwards Bayou which in turn empties into the Jordan River which in turn

empties into the bay.

DEQ is encouraging the county to consider land applications for discharge. Land applications means that sewage that has been treated according to guidelines is sprayed into areas such as buffer zones or tree growing areas. The water is further filtered by the vegetation which uses the water. After this, layers of earth or rock further filter what might be left.

Chisolm also outlined new phase II guidelines regulating storm water which is any water washed into area waterways due to rain run off or other sources. This run off can cause serious environmental problems both in soil borne contaminants and by clogging the drainage system. In phase I any development affecting five acres and over were governed by the guidelines. In phase II any development affecting one acre and over will be governed by the guidelines.

"What is on the ground is washed into our waterways," said Royals. Bacteria, excess nutrients and chemicals can all

cause problems for our waterways.

Dwight Wylie, Chief of the Air division at DEQ touched on new Federal guidelines governing ozone levels at ground level. Three counties in Mississippi show levels that are unacceptable. The new standard is 0.08 of a part per million. Areas in Desoto, Lee, and Hancock Counties exceed this standard. Wylie said that high levels of ozone are a problem, along the whole Gulf Coast from Florida to Texas.

Once an area fails to meet an average acceptable three year standard, the Environmental Protection Agency will step in. Steps will then be taken to bring the offending area back to standard. These steps may include mandatory reduction of industrial emissions, strict laws for vehicle emissions standards, or reduction of or stoppage of transportation projects. Once the EPA mandates a decision to put these steps into effect, they stay in effect until standards are met.

## St. Ann-St. John Church News

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Proverbs 3:3-6

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Proverbs 3:3-4

The gentle tolling of a warning bell... It might be tolling for the passing of summer and the sweet weather.

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the shores.

Sigurd F. Olson  
CCD classes at St. Ann will resume Sept. 11 at the regular time.

RCIA classes resume Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. The CYO meets each Monday at 5:30 p.m.

A two-year preparation confirmation class starting date will be announced later.

CCD children are in need of faithful and faith-filled adults to lead them on their Catholic journey. If interested, please contact the parish office at 467-4746.

"I will have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me." These words answer the request of our Lord for workers in His church.

## Stennis

thrusters and other materials needed for space exploration.

The project has been veiled in secrecy since negotiations began more than a year ago. Hancock County's Port and Harbor officials often referred to it as "Project X," but would not reveal further details.

The county got some hint that something big was coming.

The announcement about the news conference scheduled Friday said the project will result in the initial creation of 270 new jobs at Stennis.

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as much as \$3.3 million in industrial development bonds as an incentive to lure the plant here. Before that, the Mississippi legislature in the recent session appropriated \$21.7 million to Stennis for what was described as a joint venture between NASA and a major manufacturer.

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## Chamber

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also has landscaped the outside of the county Civic Center, and is developing a master plan to control the unprecedented growth taking place and expected in the county.

## No smoking!



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher  
Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District Maintenance Supervisor Dino Tenorio installs a "No tobacco products" sign at Bay High's Tiger Stadium Wednesday. Under new state regulations, the use of tobacco products is no longer allowed on any public school property. The new laws will be enforced by local police.

## Utility billing delay

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Bay St. Louis Little Theatre plans a 'Murder'

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre and the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club are once again partners in offering fine dining with first-class entertainment in a dinner theatre format.

This year's offering will be Monk Ferris' hit comedy "Let's Murder Marsha," presented at the Yacht Club Sept. 8, 9 and 10 with dinner being served at 7 p.m. and "Let's Murder Marsha" starting at 8 p.m. on Friday (8th) and Saturday (9th) and brunch at 1 p.m. Sunday (10th) with the play starting at 2 p.m.

A cash bar will open one hour before dinner or brunch is served. Tickets are \$25 each.

The storyline: a happy housewife named Marsha Gilmore (Donna Mellott) is addicted to reading suspense novels, much to the dismay of her husband, Tobias (Martin Fitzgerald).

When she overhears her husband discussing her upcoming birthday surprise with Persis Devore (Rosemary Migliore), a very attractive interior decorator, Marsha misunderstands and thinks they are planning to murder her.

The misunderstandings are compounded as the evening progresses until everything becomes totally confused.

Adding to, or totally unaware of the confusion, are Bianca (Arlie Pollio), the Gilmore's maid; Virgil Baxter (Scott Shull); their neighbor, Lynette Thoron (Sally Weber), Marsha's mother; and Ben Quade (Art Bailey), Bianca's boyfriend.

Director Ed Craig promises lots of surprises in this delightful comedy.

This is the third year the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club and the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre have teamed up to provide an entertaining evening for Coast residents and visitors.

Tickets can be purchased at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, North Beach Blvd., 467-4592. Interested parties may also inquire about membership opportunities with the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre.

The previous dinner theatre events proved so popular that patrons are advised to purchase their tickets as early as possible.

For information call the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, 467-4592, or the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, 467-2587 or e-mail BSLLT@aol.com



Photo by Charles E. Joseph  
A sleeping Marsha, played by Donna Mellott, wakes up to the unsettling sight of a knife wielded by her husband, played by Martin Fitzgerald, as the rest of the cast looks on; from left, Scott Shull, Sally Weber, Rosemary Migliore, Fitzgerald, Arlie Pollio and Art Bailey.

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Sept. 15, Phyllis Diller at 9 p.m., \$15, \$20 and \$25

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Tickets to concerts may be purchased through TicketMaster or through the Casino Magic Box Office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, extension 4035.

All events subject to change. All ticketed events are in the Magical Entertainment Complex.

For upcoming events, call the Magic Entertainment Hotline: 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, ext. 4015. Must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

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Buddy "D" (Diliberto) will broadcast live starting at 6:15 p.m. from the main lobby each Monday night. Prior to kickoff of each Monday Night Football game he will make a final score prediction.

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There will be food and drink specials each Sunday and Monday night, including onion rings, chicken wings, corndogs and more.

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Join the Civil Air Patrol from Montgomery, Ala. on Saturday, Sept. 9 for a full day of aviation activities that include designing a windsock, building a rocket and making cosmic dust.

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Children five and under will enjoy learning ABC's through song, dance and story on Sept. 6; jumping, twirling and wriggling through rhythmic activities Sept. 13; stirring up sounds from the kitchen on Sept. 20; and playing traditional games and reciting nursery rhymes on Sept. 27.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Pass Theatre selling stock for venture

BY ED LEPOMA

PaddleWheel Productions, Inc., which announced last May it plans a professional musical repertory theatre in Pass Christian, has embarked on plans to sell a limited amount of stock to finance the venture.

According to Dr. Mary Ellis, CEO, officers are hoping to sell a minimum of \$400,000 in preferred and common stock, and the stock will only be available to Mississippi residents.

"PaddleWheel securities are fully registered with the Mississippi Secretary of State and are not registered with the Securities Exchange Commission," said Ellis. "The stock is available for purchase only by people in Mississippi."

Plans are to issue a limited amount of stock for sale in units of \$1,000. Preferred stock is valued at \$990 and common stock is valued at \$10. Ellis said preferred stock bears five percent simple interest annually and common stock provides voting rights and is the base for dividends.

"Until a sufficient amount of stock is sold to cover start-up costs, all proceeds go into an

Escrow Account for the protection of the investor," said Ellis.

Ellis and other officers of PaddleWheel presented plans for the theatre to Mayor Billy McDonald and the Board of Aldermen last May, and received the city's blessing to go forward with the venture.

The company has an option to purchase two lots on Second Street downtown and will build a theatre complex.

Ellis said plans call for a 600-seat theatre, which includes a state-of-the-art electronic lighting system and a 60-foot stage with adjacent shops for set and costume construction.

Across the front of the building will be an enclosed multi-purpose porch, which will provide space for eating before productions, a gift shop, an ice cream shop and a small bar for theatre patrons only. Plans call for additional space for a non-profit theatre teaching area for children.

Ellis envisions a 30-member company of Troubadours, which will give five performances a week initially, and increase performances as demand arises.

Hopefully, the theatre can open

in the Spring of next year, she said.

Over the first two years, plans call for five full-length original musicals featuring the human and humorous side of Southern history.

In addition, between the regular musicals, special performances will showcase the best music from the American music theatre, plus a musical melodrama.

Ellis said the theatre will be marketed nationally and targeting 17 states, which currently send large numbers of visitors interested in history to all parts of the country.

PaddleWheel is also soliciting resumes for 10 professional actors who will be auditioned some time in the future, Ellis said.

Resumes should be sent to Dr. Marry Ellis, CEO, PaddleWheel Productions, 820 2nd Street, Gulfport, MS 39501.

Persons interested in investing in the new theatre are urged to call 228/822-0777.

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Hancock Investment Services, Inc. (member NASD and SIPC) is a registered broker/dealer and a wholly owned subsidiary of Hancock Bank.

"Transfer Solutions, Inc., is a leading developer of client/server software for the financial industry. This partnership represents Hancock's ongoing commitment to bring customers advanced technology complemented by good old-fashioned service," said Schloegel.

Schloegel said the agreement with Transfer Solutions precipitates introduction of the bank's mutual fund complex - Hancock Horizon Funds - to the general public later this fall. Hancock Holding Company, the parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana, has assets of \$3 billion. Founded in 1899, Hancock Bank stands as one of the strongest, safest financial institutions in the United States, according to Veribanc, Inc.

Additionally, Hancock Bank operates 92 full-service offices and 130 automated teller machines throughout South Mississippi and Louisiana.

Burden. "Visual FAST takes full advantage of the latest client/server technologies such as Microsoft Component Object Model (COM), which allows clients like Hancock Bank to extend and reuse the business logic of Visual FAST in other areas of their business."

Burden added that the Windows NT and SQL/Server platform and Transfer Solutions' relationship with Microsoft as a solution provider make Visual FAST a powerful new addition to this trillion-dollar industry.

"We believe this, combined with our ability to customize the application quickly with our in-house staff of Microsoft certified developers and engineers, helped make the difference in signing Hancock Bank," he said.

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Alabama	31
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Arkansas	35
Southwest Missouri State	7
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Wyoming 10	
Baylor (Thursday) 14	
*North Texas 13	
Boise State 21	
*New Mexico 13	
*Cincinnati (Monday) 20	
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Colorado 21	
Colorado State 14	
East Carolina 24	
*Duke 12	
*Eastern Michigan 28	
Connecticut 14	
*Florida 55	
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*Georgia 20	
Georgia Southern 9	
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Central Florida	10
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*Illinois 42	
Middle Tennessee State	7
*Iowa State 27	
Ohio 9	
Kansas 16	
*Southern Methodist 14	
*Kansas State 33	
Louisiana Tech 7	
*L.S.U. 39	
Western Carolina 7	
*Louisiana-Lafayette 14	
Sam Houston State 12	
*Louisville 20	
Kentucky 14	
*Marshall (Thursday) 54	
Southeast Missouri State	7
*Memphis 17	
Mississippi State 16	
*Miami (Thursday) 5	
McNeese State 7	6
*Michigan 44	
Bowling Green 7	
*Minnesota 40	
Louisiana-Monroe 6	
*Mississippi 30	
Tulane 6	

*Missouri 17	
Western Illinois 6	
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## SSC, Bay scramble to find answers; Bruno & Goff named Players of the Week

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The first game jitters are over and now area high school teams have seen how their players react to certain gridiron situations. Coaches are looking to build on what they witnessed on opening night last Friday. Hancock and Pass High both enjoyed opening night wins while SSC and Bay High are looking to find answers for the various questions that arose during their losses on August 25.

Hancock (1-0), the most impressive of the area schools, routed the Bearcats of Long Beach 42-20 behind the powerful running of senior Chris Goff. The talented Hawk tailback gained 221 yards on 25 carries and scored four touchdowns. The Hawks used their experience at the offensive and defensive lines to set the stage for the victory. The Hawk defense held highly-touted Long Beach running back Brandon Jacobs to just 14 yards rushing.

Goff scored on runs of three, two, 10, and four yards. Hawk signal caller Brandon Nicaise threw an 11-yard scoring pass to Patrick Cannon and defensive tackle Oren Lewis returned an interception 53 yards for a score.

On Friday, September 1, the Hawks will entertain the East Central Hornets who were victorious over the Class 5A Ocean Springs Greyhounds 37-17. Ocean Springs is coached by former SSC coach Brannon LeBlanc. The Hornets scored 37 unanswered points, 24 of those points coming in the second quarter, to reverse a 17-0 tally by the Greyhounds. The offensive highlight for the Hornets was a 45-yard pass from Brian McVeay to Robert Johnson.

The Hawks will most likely once again use the strength of their line to establish a solid ground game against a smaller Hornet team. Look for Goff to be on the prowl for high yardage in Kila. Game time is slated for 7:30pm.

The Pass Christian Pirates (1-0) are still enjoying their opening night win over Lumberton 6-0. Despite the sloppy play, Coach Bo Vonderbruegge saw some good

things from his Pirate squad that they hope to carry over into this week's game against rival St. Stanislaus (0-1). The Pirates and Lumberton combined for almost 100 yards of penalties and seven penalties in last week's game.

Pass High will have to correct those mistakes before they invade the friendly confines of the Brother Philip Memorial Athletic Complex in Bay St. Louis.

SSC proved that they have the offensive capability to put points on the board despite making numerous mistakes in their first game of the season. The Rocks put up 18 points off two Kris Cannon touchdowns and a 10-yard pass from Jason Santiago to Gabe Willis on the final drive of the game. Earlier in that final SSC drive, Santiago eclipsed the career passing mark at SSC held by Cedric Smith who played for the Rocks from 1987-89. Santiago finished the game with 151 yards to give him 3,224 yards in his career. Smith's previous mark was 3,190 yards.

Defensively, the Rocks' young unit was placed into a bind during the first half when the offense had problems advancing the chains. However, they responded well to the challenges before them. Senior linebackers Joseph Bruno and Cameron Byrne led the Rock charge with 16 and 15 tackles, respectively. Neil Favre added nine stops for SSC.

The Pirate defense will have their work cut out for them trying to stop the most prolific passer and rusher in SSC history in Santiago and Cannon. The Rocks have many questions to answer on the offensive line.

play before game time on September 1.

Defensively, the Rocks will have their plate full trying to stop shifty Pirates Calvin Woods and Andrew Moffett.

Look for a battle royale in between the walls between old rivals. Kickoff is slated for 7:30pm.

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It was the head coaching debut of Tiger coach Glenn Williams; however, it was not one that he would like to repeat. On September 1, the Tigers will host the Long Beach Bearcats. For the second consecutive week, Long Beach will invade Hancock County looking for a win. Last week, the Bearcats and their potent running back Brandon Jacobs were declared by the Hancock Hawks 42-20.

The Tigers showed a quick scoring punch with Haynes.

Hopefully, he will be at the top of his game this week and will get some needed help from other teammates if they want to keep Long Beach winless on the year.

As announced earlier, the Sea Coast Echo will sponsor an offensive and defensive Player of the Week for each week of the season. The Offensive Player of the Week for Week 1 is Hancock Hawks senior running back Chris Goff. Goff rushed for 221

yards on 25 carries and scored four touchdowns in his team's 42-20 win over the Long Beach Bearcats on August 25 in Kila.

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# The Harmon NFL Forecast: Atlanta picked to win over Chargers; Tigers to claw Saints

Today

**\*\*Atlanta 20-S.F. 13**

After managing just 105 yards of offense in their first 1999 matchup with the 49ers and losing 26-7, the Falcons outlasted sorry S.F. in the season finale, 34-29. No NFC West contenders here.

**Baltimore 19-\*\*Steelers 17**

The Ravens lost their fifth in a row to the Steelers last year, then Qadry Ismail helped end the streak with 258 receiving yards in a 31-24 Baltimore payback. The Ravens will win with defense.

**\*\*Dallas 17-Philadelphia 14**

With new head coach Dave Campo, the Cowboys hope to recharge their offense and steady their ups and downs of

recent seasons. In '99 the Eagles won first, 13-10, then Dallas struck back, 20-10.

**Detroit 32-\*\*New Orleans 12**

If their offense stays healthy this year, the Lions should cruise to the playoffs. The Saints, meanwhile, will be rebuilding—aren't they always?—with a new coach of their own, Jim Haslett.

**\*\*Green Bay 21-N.Y. Jets 14**

One rookie head coach, the Packers' Mike Sherman, has to solve Brett Favre's interception problem. The other, the Jets' Al Groh, has to keep Vinny Testaverde healthy. The teams last met in '94.

**Indianapolis 29-\*\*K. C. 20**

Peyton Manning passed for

one score and ran for another as the Colts took their fourth straight from the Chiefs last year, 25-17. Against such a powerhouse, K.C. can only hope to stay close.

**J'ville 35-\*\*Cleveland 9**

Speaking of powerhouses—and in this case, opponents who have little hope of staying close—here's the potential blowout of the week. The Jaguars have won all four times they've met the Browns.

**\*\*Minnesota 24-Chicago 6**

Head coach Dennis Green has led the Vikings to near-greatness, but he'll need some magic to do it again without a marquee QB. Five of the last six games in this series have been Minnesota wins.

**\*\*N.Y. Giants 14-Arizona 12**

The Cardinals swept the Giants for the first time since '79 in '99, 14-3 and 34-24, led by QB Jake Plummer's four TD's—three passing, one running. A close one, but No NFC East contenders here.

**\*\*Oakland 28-San Diego 13**

After winning their fourth in a row over the Chargers last year, 28-9, the Raiders lost a shot at the playoffs by losing to S.D. 23-20. We've got a feeling that Oakland's ready to break loose.

**Seattle 22-\*\*Miami 19**

Without Dan Marino for the first time since '83 and now coached by Dave Wanstedt, the new Dolphins debut in a near-tossup. Miami won a first-round

playoff with the Seahawks, 20-17, last January.

**Tampa Bay 20-\*\*New England 7**

Another team in need of change, the Patriots replaced coach Pete Carroll with Bill Belichick. But in this, the fifth meeting of these clubs, the Buccaneers will have too much defense for N.E.

**Tennessee 27-\*\*Buffalo 14**

Bills craving revenge for the Neal-to-Wycheck-to-Dyson lateral kickoff return that led the Titans past Buffalo in the wildest '99 wild-card will be disappointed: Tennessee's the bet-

ter team.

**\*\*Washington 29-Carolina 24**

This could be the game of the week, featuring solid offenses and both clubs hope improved defenses. For reference, check last year's dustup: 671 yards of passing and a 38-36 Redskins victory.

(Monday)

**\*\*St. Louis 30-Denver 10**

The winners of the last three Super Bowls face off, but it probably won't be close. Oddly, it was the Broncos who faded in '99, but it's the defending champ Rams who have a new coach, Mike Martz.

## Fourcade and Ridgley are IPFL Players of the Week

### Firedogs also 2000 champs

#### SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Mississippi quarterback John Fourcade was at his best in the biggest game of the season—the 2000 Indoor Professional Football League (IPFL) Championship.

Before a hostile crowd at Portland's Memorial Coliseum, the fiery veteran directed his team to the title by turning in the best quarterbacking performance in IPFL post-season history.

As a result of his showing in Saturday's 53-48 upset road win at regular season champion Portland, Fourcade has garnered the honor of being the IPFL Offensive Player of the Week.

Fourcade's numbers against the Prowlers established both post-season and championship IPFL records for pass completions, passing yards, passing touchdowns and total offense.

On the night Fourcade had 255 yards of total offense as he rushed for a score and was 30-37-1 passing for 244 yards and five touchdowns.

Facing the league's top scoring defense, Fourcade engineered touchdown drives on eight of the Fire Dogs' first nine possessions, including all six in the first half. Individually, he had a hand in six of Mississippi's eight scores.

In the opening half, Fourcade's hot hand resembled a nuclear meltdown, as he completed 20 of 22 passes for 157 yards and four touchdowns.

He threw a pair of touchdown strikes (covering 17 and six yards) to wide receiver Kenny Causey in the first quarter.

Later in the second, he found the end zone with touchdown passes to wide receivers Nicky Seymour and Martino Theus before scrambling in on a 10-yard scoring run.

In the fourth he capped the Fire Dogs' point production by zipping a three-yard touchdown pass to running back Buster Browne.

This week's selection marked the fifth time this season that Fourcade, the IPFL's Offensive Player of the Year, was named the league's Offensive Player of the Week.

The IPFL Defensive Player of the Week nod goes to Mississippi defensive back Eugene Ridgley, who had a team-high eight unassisted tackles, two pass breakups and the game-ending fumble recovery. Along with the likes of teammates Kevin Bouis, Quincy Sorrell, Jose Gonzalez, Roy Stabler, Bobby Doyle, Franklin Thomas, A.J. Styre, Donald Suber and Derrick Cagins, Ridgley and the Fire Dogs' defense held the Prowlers' potent offense, led by league MVP Erik Wilhelm, to just 13 second-half points.

## Diamondhead swim team wins



The Diamondhead Volcanoes Swim Team successfully defended their Mississippi Coast Swim League title at the League Championships held on July 15 at the Diamondhead East Rec Pool. Diamondhead scored 746 points, followed by Gulfport Yacht Club with 377, Bayou Bluff Bullfrogs with 326.50, Pass Christian Yacht Club with 297.50 and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Y's with 190. There were 417 swimmers represented from all the teams. The Diamondhead swim team head coach is Penny Files with parent assistant coaches Lauren Underwood, Lydia Jelinski, Bob Ryan, Lisa Averill and Barbara Gibbons with swimmer-coaches Catherine Moody and Chris White. Diamondhead swimmers with individual victories were Catherine Moody, 14-U 50 back, John Smuck, 10-U 25 fly, Ally Gann, 14-U 50 fly, Brian Easter, 12-U 50 back\*, Corey Rector, 15-U 50 back, Austin Ladner, 6-U 25 back, Troy Johnston, 14-U 50 back\*. Double winners were Nikki Wild, 8-U 25 fly and breast, Steven Kirkup 10-U 25 free and fly, Jack Gibbons, 8-U 25 free\* and back, Ryan Chauvin, 14-U 50 free\* and breast\*, Alex Averill, 8-U 25 fly\* and breast\*, and Ryan Veach, 15 and over, free and breast\*. Triple winners were Meghan Flynt, 12-U 50 fly\*, back\* and free\* and Cole Larsen, 12-U 50 free\*, fly\* and breast\*. (\*Shows new League record).

## College Highlights for September 2

### For Good Games, Look Hard or Maybe The Big Guns (Boys?) are Just Warming Up

We'll be short on epic battles this first full weekend of college play, but that's nothing new. If you were, say, Nebraska, would you want to butt heads in Game One with, say, talent-rich Alabama?

As you can surmise from all the home-team asterisks lined up in the winners' column of our Division 1-A forecast, the answer's usually no. Elite teams prefer to ease into the season with high-scoring, stress-free waltzes over obliging also-rans in front of friendly crowds. So give the aforementioned Crimson Tide some credit, because they may have their hands full on the road against U.C.L.A. We said may.

Alabama finished 10-3 in 1999 with a roster full of freshmen and sophomores, and all those returnees are brimming with confidence this year.

The Lady Tigers are 3-2 in district play and will travel to Biloxi tonight to face the Lady Indians at 6pm.

**OLA-Pass Christian**  
Our Lady Academy improved to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in district volleyball action with a 15-10, 15-11 win over the Pass Christian Lady Hawks tonight at 6pm.

We're picking Alabama by a relatively few 15 points over the Bruins, but if U.C.L.A. is still in self-doubting mode after its dismal 4-7 season in '99, this could turn into a rerun of these teams' only previous meeting, the '76 Liberty Bowl. In that one the Tide rolled, 36-6.

We're hoping for at least three other non-blownouts involving Top 20 teams. The Georgia Southern Eagles should give the Georgia Bulldogs a better fight than they did in their first matchup eight years ago, which Georgia won easily 34-7.

And Southern Mississippi should stay within two TD's of Tennessee, though the Golden Eagles must erase all memories of past confrontations with teams of Volunteers: They're 0-for-3 against Tennessee, having been outscored by a combined (gulp) 142-20.

Finally, we like Ohio State by only 11 over Fresno State. (One previous meeting, in '94: a 24-

point Buckeyes win.)

The best game of the week hover just below the Top 20 radar. Texas A&M will squeak past Notre Dame to even its record against the Fighting Irish at 2-2 in their first regular-season battle after three Cotton Bowls.

And in a rematch of a thrilling shoot-out a year ago, Virginia will barely make it two in a row over Brigham Young. Last September the unranked Cavaliers outlasted the 17th-ranked Cougars 45-40 in a wild game that featured 907 total yards and 51 first downs. More of the same, please, Cavs and Cougs!

## Bay High, OLA win in district volleyball

### Bay High-Long Beach

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Christian Lady Pirates Tuesday night in Bay St. Louis. Julie Reboul and Jill Rutherford were high scorers for the Crescents with 12 and nine points respectively.

In the junior varsity contest, OLA came from behind to win 11-15, 15-3 and 15-10. Katie Whitman and Grace Allen led the way with ten and eight points.

The team is 3-1 on the season.

OLA will host the Hancock Lady Hawks tonight at 6pm.

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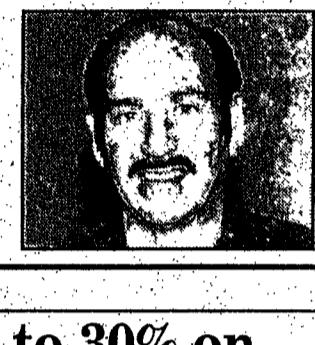
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SMALL JOBS: HOME REPAIR &amp; REMODELING, electrical, plumbing &amp; carpentry. Additions &amp; storage buildings 467-0385 493-0325.

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BUDING &amp; REMODELING SERVICE: Shop work, large or small jobs accepted. A.J. 467-8401.

DAVIS REMODELING/CONSTRUCTION: Additions, remodeling, roofing, &amp; plumbing repair. Deck, patios &amp; driveways. 15 yrs. experience, license and bonded. Call 467-2301 for free estimate.

FOREMAN PROFESSIONAL ROOFING: Now servicing all your roofing needs. Free estimates within 24 hours. Licensed, bonded, insured. 463-9912.

HANLEY TIMBER COMPANY

We would like to buy your logs, poles, pulpwood and hardwood timber.

Small tracts or large tracts.

255-3082

## 56 Services Offered

STEVE'S MARINE SERVICE: Boat, motor &amp; trailer repair. 3204 Rocky Hill-Ddeaux Road, Kiln. Service calls available. 255-2626.

SWIMMING POOL SERVICE: MAINTENANCE, repairs, experienced. Call 463-0571.

TAYLOR CONCRETE CONTRACTING:

Slabs, driveways, sidewalks, patios, graveyard slabs, &amp; boat slips. Licensed &amp; bonded. Clarence Taylor. 228-467-7220 or 228-466-1933.

TRACTOR &amp; DUMPTRUCK SERVICE:

Fill dirt, sand, topsoil, gravel, dirt spreading, bushhogging lots, grading, leveling driveways, dependable, reasonable. 466-5657.

WILLING TO CLEAN YOUR HOME OR OFFICE. Dependable, reasonable rates. Call Lisa at 467-3648.

## 58 Lawn &amp; Garden

A CALL TO CHARLIE'S LAWN &amp; YARD service: for free estimates. Grass cutting, weed eating, trash hauling, etc. Call anytime. (228)467-1577 or (228) 467-4266.

BULKHEAD WORK, SITE WORK, dirt hauling, and demolition. Call 255-4291 or pager 880-4711.

BULKHEAD'S, BOAT DOCK'S, BOAT launches. 28 years experience. 463-9451, Joe Bourgeois.

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DRIVER TRAINING

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TERS, fluxcore welders, pipefitters, pipe

welders, electricians, o.s.m.,

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Call 877-863-3728 877-2

## 73 Help Wanted

MOTIVATED PEOPLE ARE NEEDED FOR outside help. Apply at WaterFun \$25 Hwy 90 BSL, or call 466-4672.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST WANTED for local Dr. office, exp. preferred but will train. Fax resume to 466-9452 or call 466-3821.

## 81 Appliances

REBUILT WASHERS AND DRYERS: Fully guaranteed. We have parts and do repair. We also buy used appliances. Bay Washers, 467-6122.

## 82 Antiques, Collectibles

ESTATE SALE: FURNITURE, ANTIQUE rug and bench, arts and decor items, washer, dryer, garden tools and more. 604 Sandyhook, Pass Christian Isles. Thursday, 8/31 and Friday 9/1, 8AM-12 noon.

## 83 Items For Sale

18' ALUMINUM HULL & TRAILOR. \$375, 467-4688.

3 WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS FOR SALE, REPAIR WORK done 1/2 price. Units & work guaranteed. Used parts cheap. Swap or trade. 467-6849.

**Local Honey**  
Straight from the hive  
FARM FRESH  
Hwy 603, Kiln 255-7678

**HAY**  
Big Round Bales of  
Hay for Sale  
**255-3082**

BEAUTIFUL PIANO - CHERRY SAMICK, perfect condition. Girls bedroom set, great condition, white. Queen size bedroom set, excellent condition. 586-0533.

BOB'S SOFT & LIVE CRABS. OPEN after 12 noon. Pleasure St., Lakeshore. 467-6814.

CHEERY BEDROOM SET, SHAKER style, sleigh bed, 3 drawer armoire, 8 drawer chest w/mirror, two drawer night stand. Also includes Simmons beauty rest box spring and mattress, very nice less than two years old. \$1650, or best offer. 466-6282.

DIGITAL DYNAMITE DISH NETWORK special. Includes 2 receivers plus basic installation for only \$99. Call for details. American Rural Cable, Gulfport. 800/832-3316.

FOR SALE: A WHITE WEDDING DRESS size 7 paid \$2000 asking \$900. 255-8867.

TILLMAN'S BOAT FRESH SHRIMP. 467-9316 or 467-8235.

TWENTY-FIVE-FOOT SHRIMPING Trawl and boards. \$200. 228-392-4292.

WIRELESS, CABLE & PRIMESTAR CUSTOMERS call now to claim your FREE dish network satellite system. Call for details. American Rural Cable. 800/832-3316.

## 84 Furniture

BASSETT SOFA OFF WHITE WITH LIGHT accents of peach & green very big very comfortable scotchguarded fabric, paid over \$1000 asking \$750 466-6282.

DOUBLE RECLINER, VERY COMFORTABLE, 3 years old, brown fabric, \$200. 466-3162.

FABULOUS HARD PINE Bedroom Set: Armoire, 9 draw dresser w/mirror, 2 night stands. Perfect condition. Must sell Sacrifice \$1,000. 586-2129.

## 85 Building Materials

CERAMIC TILE: INTERCERAMIC, summitville, dal, kpt, laufin. 500,000 sq.ft. in stock. Attention: Builders, floormen, special prices, 88¢ sq.ft. to \$1.80 sq.ft. (800)233-6702. Floor Store, Slidell, 1725 Gause Blvd. off I-10, next to Smith & Jones Builders.

METAL ROOFING/SIDING - 6 COLORS galv. to 24ft. length, 38" wide-28 ga. galv., 99¢ ft. Colors, \$1.19 ft. V-crimp & corrug. 64¢ ft. Ridge cap, rake & corner, purrins. \$1.00 ft. Roofing/Siding from \$14.90 sq. Warehouse Sales, Slidell, La Exit 263 I-10. (800)842-6646.

## 90 Pets

1 YEAR OLD CATAHOULA MIX, (MALE) needs good home with fenced yard, if interested call 466-2810 after five.

BEAGLE, PUPS: BEAUTIFUL, PURE BRED. 4 Months old, no papers, \$50. each. 493-1016 467-1442.

CHIHUAHUA AKC REGISTERED, 1 MALE, 1 female \$200. Adorable, 1 cream 1 red 4675103.

REGISTERED WALKER FOX HOUND PUPPIES. Eight weeks old. 1st shots. \$50 each. 228-392-6847.

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## 93 Yard Sale

GARAGE/SALE & BALANCE OF ESTATE, antiques, Sat. 9/2 8am-til 12pm Hwy 90.

HUGE GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY Sept. 2, 7-12, 882 Old Street, Diamondhead.

SATURDAY 9-2-00 INDOOR/OUTDOOR yard-sale. Books, kitchenware, tapes, computer and many more. No early birds. 9:00-12:00, 900 Chinlincie St., BSL.

YARD SALE: 405 WASHINGTON ST. B.S.L. Thursday & Friday 9a.m.-5p.m. Dishes, floor model television, chest of drawer, sofa & love seat, toys, misc.

## 96 Wanted To Buy

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

I BUY & APPRAISE ANTIQUES. Confidentiality assured. 228-324-1296

QUICK CASH FOR ALMOST ANYTHING before yard sale hassle, moving or cleaning out. We buy households, furniture, antique, tools, toys, bric-brac, etc. Piece or house full. No answer leave message. 467-4857.

WE BUY OLD WATCHES, WRIST & pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces, musical instruments, \$3 Cash\$. Bayou Jewelers, 466-0425.

## 128 Boats &amp; Motors

17' LAMAR SINGLE AXLE ALUMINUM trailer, 115 Evinrude (few hours), \$2,900. 255-9429.

17' OPEN FISHERMAN 1999, 90 HP Johnson motor, hull completely redone. \$650. Call Paul @ 467-6943 or pager 466-1234.

1997 POLARIS, SLT 700 JET SKI, LIKE new. \$3295. 467-1610 after 7:00 P.M.

20' ALUMA WELD FLAT BOAT, CENTER console, 150 Evinrude, dual axle trailer, new steering, winch, fully rigged trawls & skimmers & extras, must sell. \$6800 obo. 467-0817.

25' BAYLINER, NEW PAINT, 350 CHEVY Volvo outdrive, sleeps six, \$8000 or trade. 467-0817.

4 - 19' I/O GALAXY AND ARISTOCRAFT boats w/trailers. Needs work. (Good engines & out drives). \$900-\$1,200. 533-7832.

## 130 Motorcycles

WAVELAND CUSTOM CYCLE, ATVs, jet skis, go carts. Open 7 days a week. 9-5. We buy dead and wrecked motorcycles & ATVs. 220 Coleman Ave. 467-5557.

## 136 Automobiles

1987 CUTLASS CALAIS, RUNS GREAT! \$1500. obo. 467-2181.

1990 TOYOTA COROLLA SR5, COLD AIR, new tires, many new parts, runs and looks great. \$2500 obo. Call Donny 467-0705.

1992 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS CIERRA, 6 cylinder, 4 door, gold, 43,323 miles. 466-4535. \$5800. obo.

1996 CHEVY CAVALIER, LIKE NEW, only 53,000 miles. Great school car! AC, auto transmission, am/fm cassette. \$5,945. Must see! 586-0852.

1998 PLY. GRAND VOYAGER SE, loaded, Class II Tow package. Retail \$18,700. Asking \$12,900 cash. Rebate \$500. 463-0554 before 7p.m.

53' CHEVY TRUCK 75% RESTORATION, \$3200. 50' Plymouth special deluxe \$2000. 466-3943 493-2141.

82' TOYOTA COROLLA, 5 SPEED, GREAT transportation car. Runs great. \$500. 463-9366.

88' BUICK SKYLARK, AUTO, LOW MILES, clean. \$950. 467-6688.

89 BONNEVILLE, 4 DR., AT, AC, Cruise. Runs real good! \$2,000. Phone 467-8451.

91 FORD ESCORT STANDARD, RADIO, sharp. \$1100. 467-4688.

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1986 Ford Ranger

VIN#1FTBR10A5GU82140

Ford Ranger 4x4

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THESE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 8, 2000

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Kosciusko, MS 39056  
255-6090

8/17, 8/24, 8/31/00

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Waveland, MS 39576  
228-466-4861

8/31, 9/7, 9/14/00

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

THE HOME PACKAGE, HOME, LAND, well & septic, the works. 0 money down, 9.5% interest rate, low low monthly payments. E-Z approval, no gimmicks, bankruptcy o.k. Please call 466-9900.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE: \$1800. Please call 466-9900.

## 138 Trucks, Vans

1987 DODGE DAKOTA PICK UP \$800. OBO. Call 467-2181.

1993 TOYOTA 4X4 EXT. CAB. AUTO AIR. 1997 Nissan auto & air 70,000 miles. 466-6255.

1998 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LOREDO. Loaded, leather interior, cd ps, \$18,415. Or best offer. Call (228) 467-6169.

1999 Z-71 CHEVY PICK-UP: FULLY loaded. \$23,500. 228-255-3082.

## 143 Real Estate Services

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Law, let, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."

"We will not knowingly accept or advertise for real estate, which is in violation of this law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

## 147 Apartments For Rent

99 MOVES YOU IN DURING SEPTEMBER for qualified applicants Oak Villa Apartments. 452-7005.

182 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC, CENTRAL heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, plus deposit. Lease required. 463-0043. 467-3935.

2 BEDROOM APT. FOR RENT. 467-9278.

2 BEDROOM APT. LAKESHORE RD. 467-3609 or 467-1581.

BAY ST. LOUIS, BEACH FRONT, 1 or 3 bedroom apartments, furnished or unfurnished. 467-9978.

BEAUTIFUL EXECUTIVE TYPE DUPLEX in Bay St. Louis, near Bay and Casino. Magic, deluxe interior. \$700/mo. 228-586-1845.

GREAT MOVE IN SPECIAL!! Great location. One's from \$395; two's from \$415; and three's from \$525. Call 452-9901.

NICE 3/BR, 2/BA, TOWNHOUSE WITH patio. \$585/mo. Available August 1st. 467-3388.

NEW DUPLEX UNITS ON CITIZEN Street, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, Call Char at Century 21 McIntyre Rapp. 467-3777.

OLD TOWN, 2/BR, 1/BA, DUPLEX, ONE block to beach, cen. a/h. \$450/mo. \$400/dep. Pet-free, smoke-free. Sailfish Realty. 467-1380.

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH, WASHER/DRYER, Stove/Refrigerator, Pet-Free environment. Spacious Yard. Excellent Neighborhood. References required. \$850/month plus \$500/deposit. 463-0043.

WAVELAND-FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, 3 bedrm, hbbse, fenced yard, less than 1 mile from beach, 100% recently renovated, 512 Fell Grass Dr. (Nicholson to Jeff Davis, Fell Grass). Pets allowed with deposit: \$750/mo. Call 228-463-9392 (leave message) or 601-630-0386.

WAVELAND: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, carpet, fenced, refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer. \$700/month, \$500/deposit. 1(504)367-1312

151 Furn. House Rent

FOR RENT: HOME ON THE WATER, 3/4 acre grounds kept up by owner, 55' dock, 32 foot sun deck. Completely furnished. Including washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove and furniture. Central air and heat. Freshly painted inside and out. 2 bedroom, 1 bath up and one bath down. Rent by multi month, month, week or day. (504)641-2697 or (504)788-2697.

NICE TWO BEDROOM HOUSE, PARTIALLY FURNISHED, washer and dryer \$400 per month \$200 deposit. 467-6879.

156 Lots/Acreage

1 ACRE ON STANDARD DEDEAUX RD. Hancock County. \$8000, owner financing. \$1600 down 12% interest up to 10 years. 255-4

## Public Notices

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
COASTAL DEVELOPERS, INC., PLAINTIFF  
VERSUS  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2000-035  
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO FRED A. EARHART, JOSEPH H. BERNER AND JOHN WILLIAM CONRAVEY, ALL LIVING AND IF DEAD, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OR DESEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY BE UNKNOWN OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MS:

TO all lots 12 & 13, Block 16, Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's First Addition to Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Hancock County; Mississippi lying and being situated near United States Highway 90, further that part of abandoned Bank Street, located north of said lots 12 and 13 being approximately 1778 feet long, Jackson Street, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80210 a non-refundable deposit of \$40.00 for Schedule I, \$25.00 for Schedule II, and \$40.00 for Schedule III (no refunds).

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTORS: The successful bidder will be required to submit a Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

THIS CHANCERY COURT, ON THE 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1995, AS AMENDED, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO EN-SURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND THE PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS 49 CFR PART 27, NONDISCRIMINATION IN BUSINESS OPERATIONS, PARTICIPATION AND 49 CFR PART 30, DENIAL OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS TO SUPPLIERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES OF COUNTRIES THAT DENY PROCUREMENT MARKET ACCESS TO U.S. COMPANIES, IS HEREBY DECLARED. It is the intent of the Contractor or subcontractor, by submission of an offer, and/or execution of a contract, certifies that it complies with the foreign trade restrictions outlined in the instructions to bidders.

Minimum wage rates as established by the Secretary of Labor will apply to this project. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of not less than five percent of the total bid, made payable to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission or by bid bond in the amount of one percent of the total bid, made payable to the proposal forms and specifications, and hence must bid on all items of every schedule.

All bidders are advised to examine the site to become familiar with all site conditions. The project will be sealed and opened on the 21st day of September, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the Airport Manager's Office, Dennis International Airport, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

It is intended to receive the Notice to Proceed for this project in the Fall of 2000.

All questions regarding bids are to be directed to the Office of Airport Development Group, Inc., Denver, Colorado (303) 762-0882 for interpretation.

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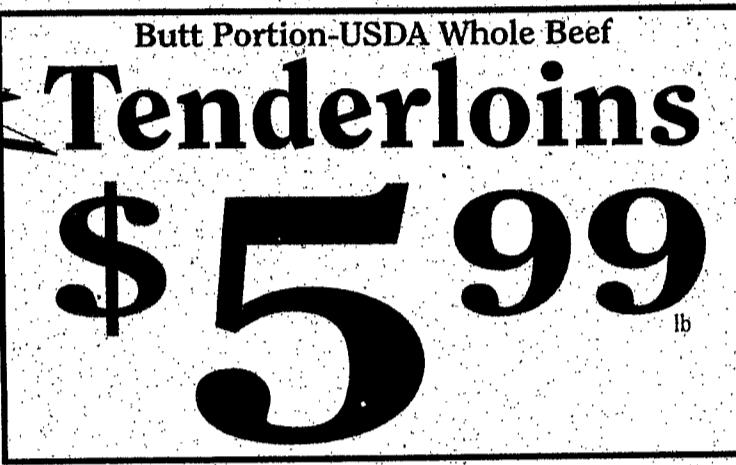
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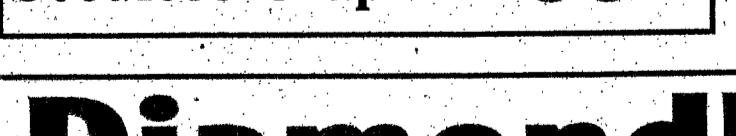
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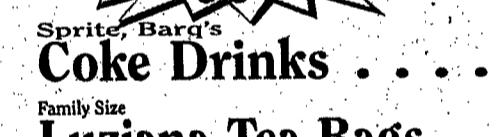
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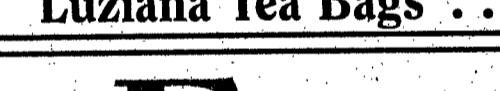
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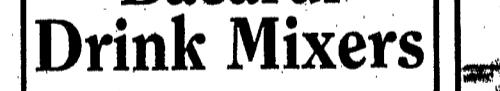
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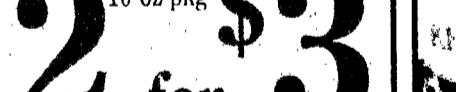
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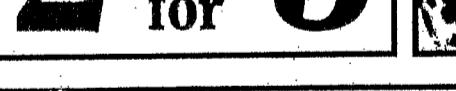
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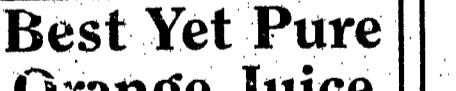
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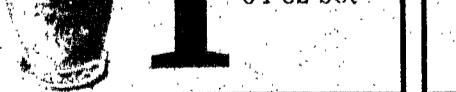
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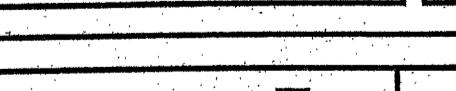
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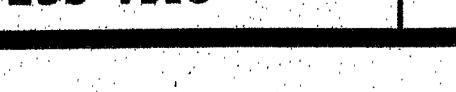
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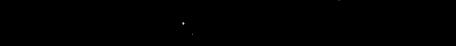
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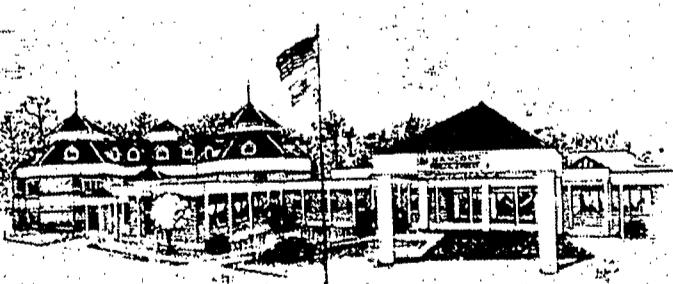
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**Chamber president urges everyone to get involved**

Over the last eight months, I have had the privilege of serving as president of an organization that has existed and that I have participated in for many years.

It has been a year of "seizing the window of opportunity" through our Smart Growth Program and partnering with numerous organizations and entities to pursue good sound economic growth and quality of life.

As president, I have seen and been involved in the hands-on approach that our chamber takes. I have watched over time our chamber evolve, as our county, to grow into a quality organization that does not sit back and wait.

We step up to the plate to tackle difficult issues that will ultimately have an economic impact on our county as a whole.

This has not happened

overnight. It has happened over years, years of exceptional chamber members, exceptional leadership, exceptional partners, and active participation by quality people.

The Chamber of Commerce has affiliations with area officials, governmental agencies, corporations, large independent businesses, small businesses and citizens.

These afflictions have provided us the resources and knowledge that are crucial to the growth of a sound economic base and an excellent quality of life.

It is this "quality" economic environment that attracts more business, more industry and ensures the type of workplace and homeplace that is desired.

For those of you who work so diligently to maintain the quality business environment that Hancock County has fostered, I commend you and



Dusty Rhodes thank you. I urge you to continue to participate in good sound business growth for our county. Join our chamber if you are not a member. It is an experience that you will not forget, and one that you will take pride in.

Thank you, Charley E. "Dusty" Rhodes President, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce

**Director explains group's role in the community**

The Hancock County Chamber . . . Who are we? What are we? What purpose do we serve?

As executive director of the Hancock County Chamber, it's easy for me to answer these questions. Every day our Chamber continues to broaden and expand. We are composed of well over 600 members, businesses that are Hancock County based, for the most part.

We pride ourselves in being a well-rounded organization that encompasses the individual entrepreneur up to the major corporations of our county.

We have numerous private citizens who simply care about the growth and direction of our precious county.

Our members span from one end of the county to the other, and our goals have grown, as our county has, to include and understand that what happens to one of us affects all of us.

Our members are community builders and see that our Chamber protects and develops the best interests of the county in order to attract new business by ensuring an improved and consistent qual-

ity of life.

The Chamber of Commerce historically serves two purposes which seem simple; but as our world has changed, so have the factors that affect our goals.

Our primary purpose is to increase the wealth and prosperity of our community by facilitating the growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones.

The second reason we exist is to employ the wealth that is established and improve the civic, educational, and cultural facilities of the community in order to attract more business and industry.

The Hancock County Chamber's Board of Directors has been a driving force. We are blessed, as an organization, to have good sound business leaders who want to get involved, and that will not "settle" for the status quo.

Our Chamber adopted and embraces the "Smart Growth" concept, which truly sums up the direction that our county is taking.

This concept goes on to incorporate every issue that will ultimately affect the quality of the life of the residents of Hancock County.



Carleen Moran It is this "quality" that brings the extraordinary business and population growth that Hancock County is experiencing.

Is there any question why the Mississippi Gulf Coast has experienced a 400 percent growth spurt over the last 50 years?

I think not, as it is a result of the partnership with local businesses, our governmental entities and the commitment of our members that the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce has managed to set the stage for a cooperative partnership that will pave the way for sound economic growth that will sustain not

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# Chamber endorses "Smart Growth"

BY SUE CHAMBERLAIN

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce keeps proving that if you plan, you can make things happen.

This past year, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Hancock County Water and Sewer District revived a Gulf Guardian Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection for the Strategic Wastewater Plan for southern Hancock County.

The chamber, through partnerships with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, secured two grants to help in the development of community gateways, as envisioned by the Vision 2000 Leadership Committee, and with assistance from the EPA Gulf of Mexico Program, the Chamber is developing a community plan for growth into the next century.

"Businesses make business plans, the chamber should be thinking the same way about the business environment," said Carleen Moran, the chamber's executive director.

"Business leaders say that quality of life is one of the top three criteria rated when businesses consider relocating. And in the future, employee retention will be the biggest issue facing businesses."

"If Hancock County can provide a place where people want to live and enjoy living, Hancock County can be that much more competitive in retaining our business base and in recruiting new businesses. The chamber's challenge is to work with the community to create that quality of life and unique sense of place."

The chamber received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program to plot its course for Smart Growth in Hancock County.

This effort will help the chamber define its role in enhancing the attributes of Hancock County, while considering how growth will impact the natural resources of the community.

The chamber initiated its "Smart Growth Seminar Series." This series of workshops invites chamber members that are in environmental occupations, to share their knowledge of regulations and practices with the business

community. The goal of the seminars is to help business owners and managers understand environmental regulations, provide some options and solutions for compliance.

Seminars topics included Wetlands Permitting, Storm Water Permitting, Business continuity Planning and the Recycling.

"Through a community survey, the chamber has learned that there are four issues that stand apart for Hancock County residents. These are access to sanitary sewer, access to clean drinking water, the elimination of litter, and clean water in our bays, rivers and the Sound," said Moran.

"These issues are not only important to residents, but these issues are also important to businesses owners and managers and all taxpayers within this county."

The Community Development Committee has been leading the planning effort. "The committee initiated the community survey and developed goals," said Moran. "The community development committee also reinforced the vision statement established by the Vision 2000 Leadership team. The issues, the goals and the vision tell us where we need to go. Together we will have to figure out how to get there; basically chart our course for Smart Growth."

The vision of Hancock County for the future was defined as:

"By preserving our culture, enhancing our natural resources and green spaces, ensuring citizen safety, being

litter free, fostering community pride in all residents, enacting uniform sign and building ordinances, providing for sidewalks, streets and drainage, developing uniform gateways and intersection, we will have

the best of the best in Hancock County." "The chamber has a history of making our plans become reality," said Moran. In 1997, the chamber's Environmental Committee drafted a plan for wastewater

collection in southern Hancock County after the building was nearing halted due to the poor soils and lack of septic tank technology to address treatment. The committee met

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# Gray named 1999 citizen of the Year

BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor

The Hancock County Historical Society's Historian/Past President Charles Gray made a little history himself at Casino Magic's Entertainment Complex in January when he was named the Chamber of Commerce's 1999 Citizen of the Year.

"He is originally from Waynesboro, Mississippi, studied music, art, pre-med and several sciences, served overseas in the Army; he's even traveled around the world 29 times," outgoing Chamber President Teri Wyly said when introducing Gray. "But he calls Bay St. Louis home. And Bay St. Louis calls him its official historian."

Among Gray's many accomplishments, Wyly said: He helped the historical society grow from 50 members to more than 700; he brought the society into the computer age and logged several thousand hours researching and logging information on county's past and its place in the present

and future; secured the Kate Lobrano House as the historical society's home, then secured the funding to restore, improve and expand it; and was instrumental in the city of Bay St. Louis's 300th birthday celebration and the creation of the Tercentenary Park on Beach Boulevard.

Gray said in a brief acceptance speech that he was both "surprised" and "delighted" with the honor.

The Chamber also honored Mississippi Power with its 1999 Community Pride Award.

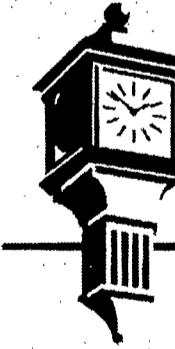
"Just as the Chamber celebrates its 75th anniversary, so does Mississippi Power Company," Wyly said. "In 1925, when Mississippi Power began servicing our area, the few people who had access to electricity at the time used it solely for lighting. Today, electricity has become the foundation of modern life, used to power everything from air conditioners to computers to casinos."

The Chamber also announced its 2000 Board of



Charles Gray

Directors, which includes President Dusty Rhodes; Vice-president Janet McQueen; Treasurer Jay Lagasse; Past President Teri Wyly; Herbert Dubuisson; Alicia Crawford; Jim Enloe; Catherine Green; Harry Wilson; Amy Corr; Anne Mann; Ellis C. Cuevas; Paul Guichet; Mark Shima; Jody Compretta; Cheryl Bennett; Ray Cox; Bill Cotter; David O'Leary; and Jon E. Ritten.



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### Mission Statement

The goal of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is to promote the social, civic and economic well-being of Hancock County, with an emphasis on economic development.

## Creating a marketing plan

### DEFINE YOUR BUSINESS

- Define your product or service
- What is your geographic marketing area/regional national/neighborhood?
- Who is your competition?
- How do you differ from your competition?
- How does your competition promote their product/services?
- How do you promote your product/services?

### DEFINE YOUR CUSTOMERS

- Define your current customer base: age/sex/income/ neighborhood
- How do your customers learn about your product/ services/advertising/direct mail/word of mouth?
- What patterns/habits do your customers and potential customers share? Where do they go/what do they read/watch/listen to?
- What do your customers value most about your product/service, selection/convenience/service/reliability/availability/other?
- Who has a need for your product/service that you aren't currently reaching?

### DEFINE YOUR PLAN AND BUDGET

- What methods of marketing have you used in the past to communicate to your customers?
- What has worked most effectively?
- What was the cost compared to sales?
- What is your cost per customer?

- What different methods of marketing might work to bring in new customers?
- What percentage of profits can you allocate to your marketing campaign?
- What marketing tools can you implement within your budget?
- How can you test your marketing ideas?
- How can you measure the results of a market test or campaign?
- Which new marketing tool can you implement right now?

### CHOOSE YOUR METHODS OF COMMUNICATIONS

- Advertising. Which types are appropriate for your business?
- Co-op Advertising. How can you tap this resource?
- Word of Mouth. How can you leverage this highly credible communications tool?
- Telephone Directories. How can you make them more effective? How many different headings could you list your business under?
- Direct Mail. Can you target a specific customer/develop a comprehensive list/provide an incentive to visit your store?
- Collateral. Are you making use of all the point-of-purchase and merchandising opportunities available to you?
- Promotion. Would contests, seminars, or demonstrations work for you?
- Publicity. Is your company's name in the media? How can you get there?

## Staff, volunteers manage chamber business office

The life-blood of the chamber's program of work is the volunteer efforts of members.

However, projects, programs and day-to-day activities are managed by a professional staff and a host of volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Carleen Moran is the executive director of the Hancock County Chamber of

Commerce, a position she assumed earlier this year. She is a former Bay St. Louis City Council member.

The chamber office could not function without the help of RSVP volunteers.

Under the direction of Jo Ann Lagasse, RSVP volunteers assist at a number of chamber functions and with the monthly newsletter assembly.



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# Hancock Chamber celebrates 76 years

Originally chartered in 1925 by the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, it was originally called the Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce.

Later on Nov. 9, 1945, it was renamed the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is a voluntary organization of business and professional men and women who have joined together to promote the economic, civic and social well-being of Hancock County, with a particular emphasis on economic development.

The Hancock Chamber is governed by a board of 19

directors, 15 of which are elected for alternating three-year terms, five of which are appointed by the president annually. We also have a student director appointed from each area high school.

Day-to-day office operations include providing:

- \* packets of information to welcome newcomers to the area and others making inquiries about the area;

- \* listings and business referrals to chamber members;

- \* general information and statistical information on our community.

An important aspect of the

chamber is its committees. Major programs are conceived and set into motion through one of its committees. Committees are Economic Development, Education, Environment, Member Services, Beautification and Ambassador.

They are very active on a number of projects. Committees projects include the Gateway Enhancement Project, Anti-litter Campaign, Community Education and a Business and Industry Expo.

## Why join the Hancock Chamber?

The chamber is over 625 members strong, representing over 4,000 employees. Its membership includes business and professional leaders, retired business men and women and government and community leaders.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Hancock Chamber, which represents the third fastest growing county in the state.

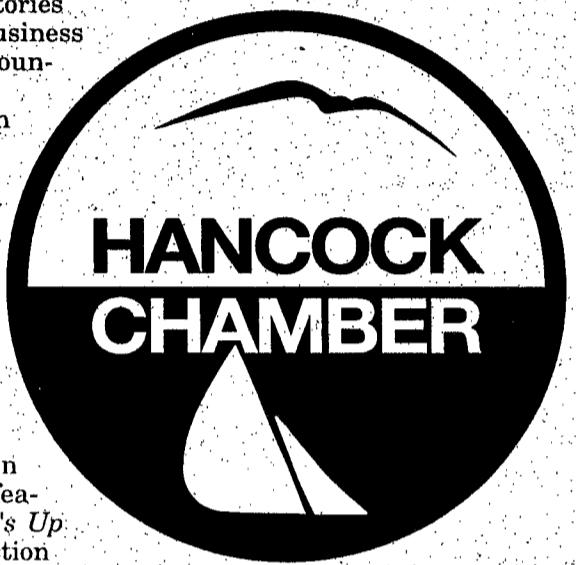
Hancock County has seen nearly a 30 percent increase in

population and business over the past eight years. The chamber is growing right along with the community at a rate of about 25-30 percent in membership increase as well.

Some of the benefits of being a chamber member:

- Networking opportunities such as our Business After Hours, Coffee Call and Expo.

- Part of a strong group, a unified voice for the community and the quality of life we enjoy. Joining and being active in the chamber means investing in the future your business and the future of your community.



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## Hancock Chamber past presidents

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## Beautification Committee works to 'keep Hancock County beautiful'

In conjunction with state and national efforts to keep communities across America litter free, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, through its Beautification Committee, launched a countywide campaign against littering this year.

The Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee has initiated a number of projects this year to coincide with its efforts against litter.

The campaign goal is to "Keep Hancock County Beautiful" with its "Littering is UnLawful" campaign. The Hancock Chamber is distributing thousands of car litter bags with the help of local business sponsors, posting anti-litter roadway signs, and working to increase enforcement of litter laws.

With these three elements the Chamber Beautification Committee hopes to help keep litter off our roadways and make folks aware of the adverse effects litter has on our entire community.

"Litter hurts everyone, our business owners in particular," said Chamber Beautification Chairman Ellis C. Cuevas. "Folks shopping, visiting or looking for a place to live in our community certainly won't choose a place that is covered with litter."

The car litterbag is an ongoing effort to keep trash off our roadways and highways. A number of businesses and organizations sponsored the first, second and third print-

ing of the bag.

The Chamber Beautification Committee's roadway signs state the phone number to call to report littering. The signs read: Help Keep Hancock County Beautiful. To report littering, call 1-800-545-3764 or \*47 from a cell phone.

When reporting littering, callers should give the tag number, vehicle description, location and date of violation. This information will be turned over to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

This is the second year the Beautification Committee has received a \$2,000 grant from the Keep Mississippi Beautiful/People Against Litter to boost their efforts.

Local law enforcement officials also joined forces with the Hancock Chamber to help push community anti-litter efforts into high gear.

Law enforcement officials met with members of the Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee to discuss beautification issues, in particular with enforcement of litter laws.

Ongoing projects of the Beautification Committee include the Adopt-A-Street Program, monthly "Clean and Beautiful" awards to businesses, school programs and community cleanup in the spring and fall.

The key concern of the committee is addressing the landscaping future of Highways 90 and 608, including the Kiln area.

"Our goal is to enhance the medians to make a good appearance for our visitors as well as residents," said Cuevas.

The committee is pressing to have both highways designated as parkways, possibly leading to the hiring of a professional landscaper to oversee the highways' beautification and upkeep.

Committee members say the landscaper also could take responsibility for other areas as well, giving economic development another boost through beautification.

Members also have been at work to encourage the removal of illegal signs on utility poles, and trees through the area, as well as the removal of yellow flashing light signs.

Aside from those efforts, the members offer assistance with the Bay-Waveland Garden Club's beautification efforts at the public housing complex for senior residents on Old Spanish Trail at Booker Street.

Similar assistance from the committee goes to the garden club's beautification effort at the welcome area on Hwy. 90, across from the state highway scales near the entrance to Port Bienville.

In addition, the committee works to encourage cleanup for the annual Spring Pilgrimage, one of the top tourism events in the nation.

Efforts to revamp the Adopt-a-Street program for this area also are on the committee's agenda.



### Cleanups

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce sponsors two countywide cleanups each year. One in the spring prior to the annual Spring Pilgrimage and a second along with the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, which this year will be Saturday, September 16. Those in photo are members of the Ansley/Lakeshore Civic Association who participated in the Spring 2000 cleanup of Heron Bay Road enjoying a cookout of hot-dogs and hamburgers at the LaDell Crooks residence following the cleanup. The county provided a large dump truck that was filled with litter from the 4 1/2 miles in their neighborhood. Neighborhood groups, organizations, industry, families, clubs and individuals are urged to participate in the September 16 cleanup. Give the chamber a call at 467-9048 for further details.

## Why should I be a member of the Chamber?

1. Because I have a business stake in this community which can best be safeguarded by working with others through the Chamber of Commerce to protect and advance all business. I help insure this community's progress, which in turn insures the success of my business.
5. Because the Chamber of Commerce cannot carry out its broad program of work to protect and advance business without personal service and adequate financial support.
6. Because the Chamber of Commerce unified the public spirit of my community and directs it into useful and constructive channels.

7. Because the Chamber of Commerce helps create and express sound opinions on questions affecting the welfare of my community.

8. Because without a strong, effective Chamber of Commerce, my community would be less able to compete with other areas for new industries and new payrolls.

9. Because I believe it essential to progress to have a central organization eternally watching community welfare and development, I believe the Chamber of Commerce is the central organization adequately equipped to do the job.

10. Because the most effective and constructive influence is the force of organized business functioning through the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of improving the Hancock County area.

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2. Know your competition and your field inside and out.

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4. Take pride in your business, it's an extension of yourself. Understand your weaknesses and strengths, your product and the market. Provide customers with the right product.

5. Serve the needs of the customer. Be sensitive, know their needs, how to reach them, and most of all, what will convince them to buy your product or service. Advertising is essential. The Yellow Pages are an excellent source to advertise to attract new customers.

6. Put together an effective and detailed business plan. It is the blueprint to our success. Update your business plan, it should be flexible enough to adjust to changing circumstances. Insufficient working capital can be hazardous. Plan your cash flow.

7. Know yourself and be willing to work day and night to make it work. Don't do it all yourself. Get moral support and the right kind of help to run your business. Professional consultants can help you tap the full resources of your business.

8. Carefully select your staff. They are the face customers put to your business. Reward them for a job well done.

9. Treat employees as individuals. Each has his/her own personality.

10. Read newspapers every day; become familiar with the financial pages. Keep up to date so that you understand the big picture.

## NEWSLETTER

To submit items for publication in the Chambergram (i.e. Business Showcase, monthly calendar, etc.), please submit your type-written information to the Chamber office no later than the 20th of the month. We will publish all stories from members on a "first come, first serve" basis.

## Director

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only us, but our children and grandchildren.

The Chamber functions through volunteer committees who work to ensure the success of our two primary functions, and all those that follow suit. These committees, along with every Chamber member, have made a commitment along with our partners to communicate the necessity of proper planning.

This strategic plan will ensure the importance of clean water, the importance of clean air, of good stable employment, and sustaining the resources that we value as business members and citi-

zens. This "strategic plan" serves an insurance policy of sorts for the quality growth of our county.

As director, I take this opportunity to thank each member of our chamber for making the commitment to a smart, quality growth of our county, and I challenge every resident of our county to join hands with us and embrace this concept.

Take our hands and delve into the bright future that lies out there for Hancock County.

Again, thank you to our members. We are truly blessed to live and work in such a wonderful county.

## Growth

for several months and drafted a plan of action. That effort will result in sanitary sewer collection lines connecting almost every residence and business south of Interstate 10 by the year 2001. Public and private sources leveraged nearly \$10 million in funds for this effort.

On the heels of completing the Strategic Wastewater Plan, the Chamber's Economic Development Committee and the Vision 2000 Leadership Committee determined that there was a need to develop more welcoming entrances into Hancock County for visitors and tourists to Hancock County.

Students from Tulane University shared ideas for gateways at key intersections,

and later the Vision 2000 Leadership Committee traveled to Madison, Mississippi and to Fairhope, Ala. for additional ideas. Their final plan was to consider gateways into the county that reflected the unique attributes of Hancock County.

"Again, the chamber said where it wanted to go, and patiently drafted the idea," said Moran. "We established partnerships with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, and together we leveraged resources. Through funding opportunities with the Mississippi Forestry Commission and the Mississippi Arts Council, that were finalized in July, we will

be able to work with professional designers and the community to design the gateways." The Chamber of Commerce will finish their Strategic Plan in October.

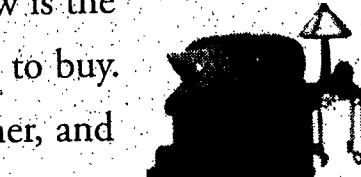
"This plan will help us chart a course for smart development, development that enhances the quality of lives. "We are very mindful that our waterways are our lifeblood. Historically, these waterways were the very reason this county was settled. The waterways are tied to the economic history of the county. "Through this planning effort we hope to define a role that the chamber can play in insuring that our waterways remain clean and remain an asset to the community," said Moran.

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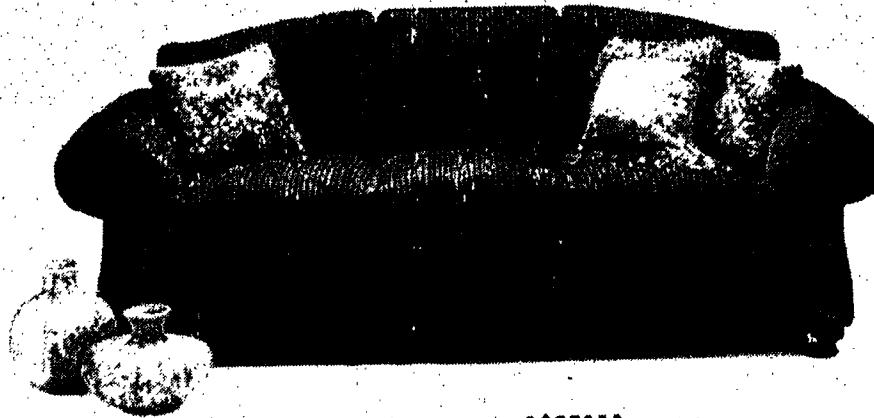


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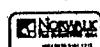
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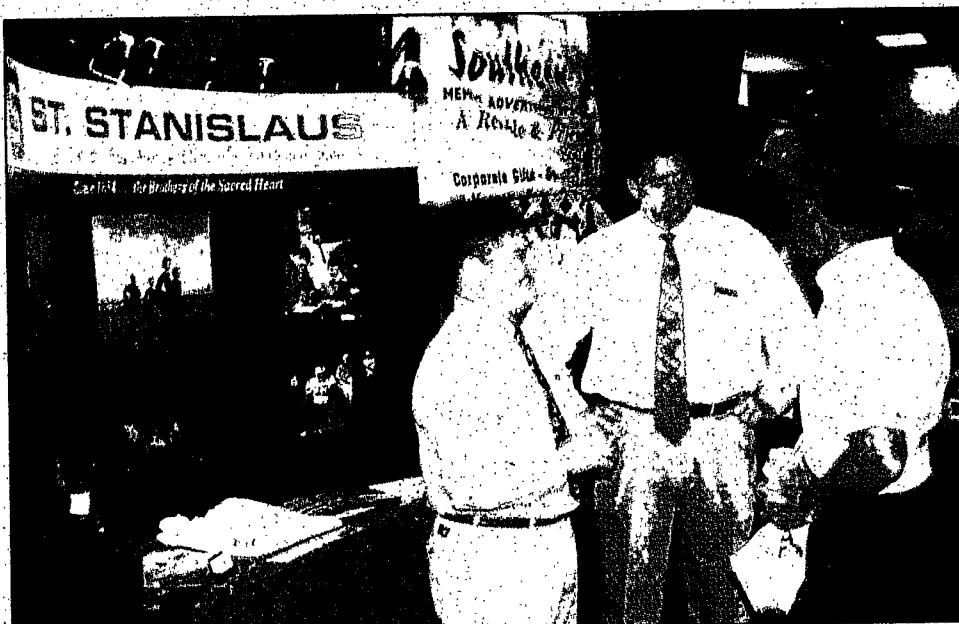
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Chamber member Mary Perkins, of the Hancock County Library System, beats the heat during the Expo.

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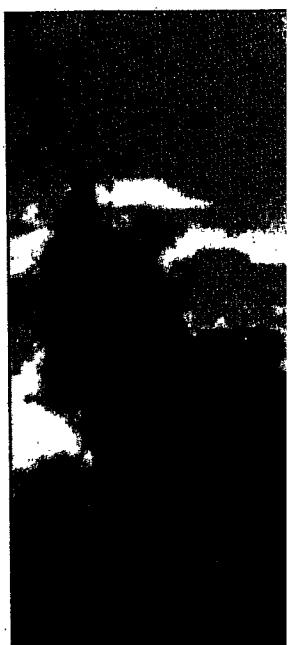
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Staff from Hancock Medical Center explain to Expo-goers some of the many services the hospital provides.



Kicker 108 radio gets into the action during last week's Expo.



The Chamber Business Representatives from 1 ing and enhancing the

By Carleen Moran

The 2000 Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo was our best yet, said Hancock County Chamber Director Carleen Murphy Moran.

The event was held Thursday, August 24, 3-7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road. The Member Services Committee outdid themselves, and our local business participants, surpassed any expectations that we could ever have had. Door prizes ranged from a cellular phone to concert tickets.

The businesses were very, very generous. The Hancock County Chamber Member Services Committee thanks all who participated and looks forward to next year's Expo. Plans are already in the works.

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# Expo – another success

Our local restaurants and groceries provided superb food items. It was truly an excellent display of what our county has to offer and once again reaffirmed the reasons that people come to our county to live, work and to play.

An estimated 700 folks visited the Expo to view the services and items that our local businesses and industries have to offer.

Moran said, "If the event continues to grow, as our county has, we may have to all lose weight so we can fit in the Civic Center."

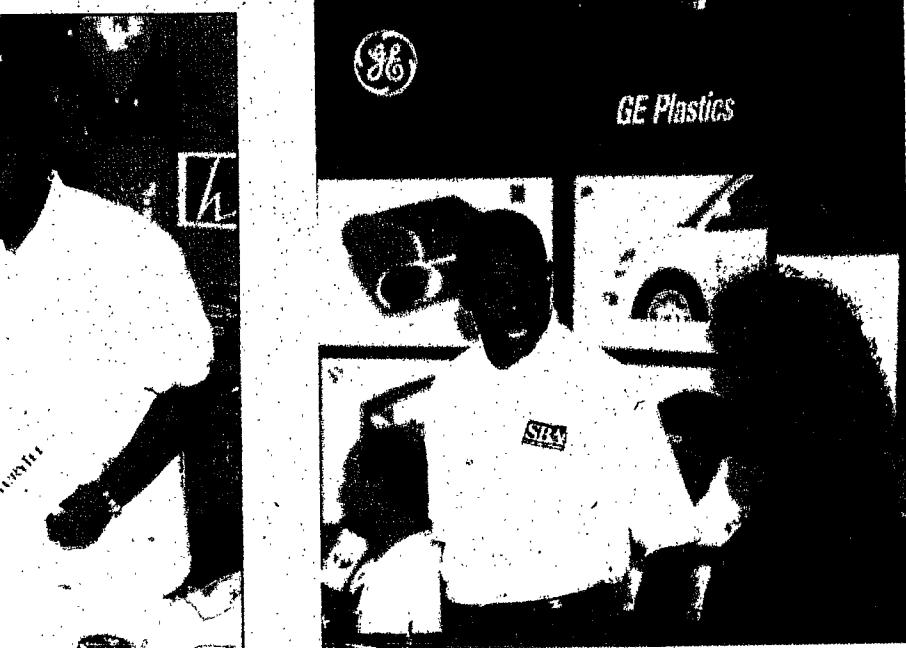
Ellis Cuevas of The Sea Coast Echo, and a long-time member of the chamber, won the \$1,000 cash drawing.



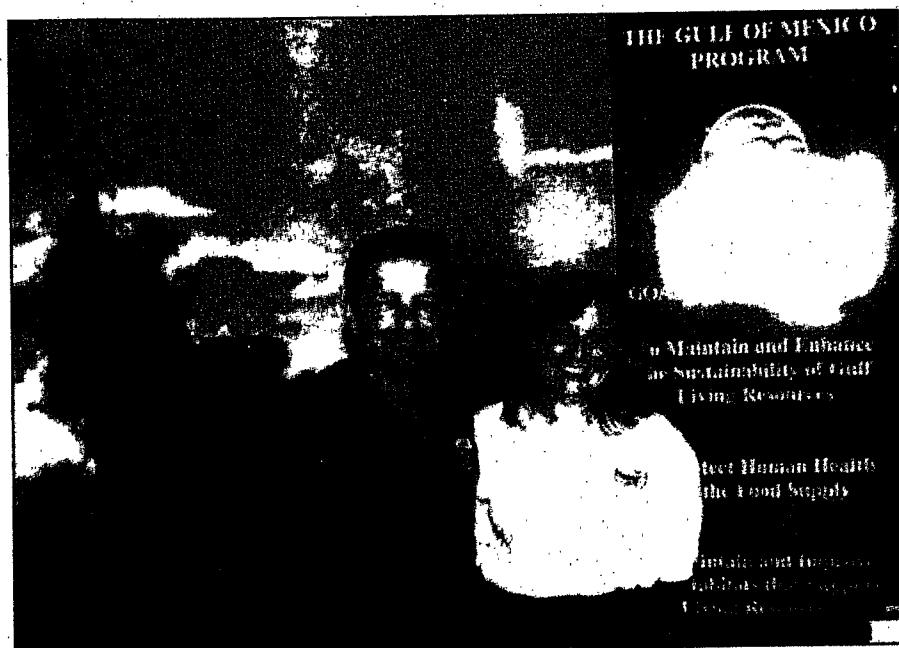
Jitney Jungle was one of several businesses at the Expo last week providing free food and refreshments to hungry "shoppers."



At the 2000 Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo, smiles were contagious.



Expo-goers some of



The Chamber Business and Industry is for more than just business. Representatives from the Gulf of Mexico Program, dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the Gulf region's environment, were also on hand.

GE Plastics – one of the county and the Coast's largest businesses – spreads the company word with a booth at the



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